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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 2pm Friday 25 November 2016

After all the weather drama of this week, the weekend forecast for the Alps is more straightforward, with plenty of dry, bright weather and just a few (mostly light) showers in parts of Austria on Sunday.

Over the last 36 hours we have seen some astonishing quantities of snow falling at altitude in the border areas of the Piedmont in Italy, and the south-east of the Savoie in France. Affected resorts include Val d'Isère, Val Cenis, Bonneval-sur-Arc and Sestriere where between 1.2m and 2.5m of snow has fallen above 2500m, locally even more! The rain/snow limit has been quite high though – generally between 1800m and 2000m – which means lots of rain and flooding problems lower down.

The storm is now in its last throes and the weather forecast for the weekend looks rather good. This is exceptionally good timing for Val d'Isère, which opens tomorrow, though it goes without saying that off-piste is highly discouraged due to the risk of avalanche.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be dry with variable cloud and freezing levels typically around 2500m.

Sunday will see some showers spreading into the northern half of the Austrian Alps with a little snow above 1500m then 1200m later – but not amounting to very much. The far south will remain dry and bright.

Monday will see a few early flurries in the far north-eastern Alps, otherwise most places will be dry with sunny spells. It will feel colder than of late with freezing levels closer to 1000m.



Turning green in the lower Austrian Valleys thanks to the Foehn - 25 November 2016 - Photo: hochkoenig.at

France

Saturday and **Sunday** will be dry, with plenty of sunshine at altitude and freezing levels close to 2500m.

Monday will again be mostly sunny above any low cloud, but it will feel colder with freezing levels falling below 2000m in most places later in the day.

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The huge storm that has delivered over 2m of snow at altitude in Val Cenis is now over - 25 November 2016 - Photo: [facebook.com/ValCenis.official](https://www.facebook.com/ValCenis.official)

Italy

Saturday will be dry with sunny spells and freezing levels between 2000m and 2500m.

It will remain fine on **Sunday** but turning colder in the east later, with freezing levels falling below 2000m. It will be milder in the west.

Monday will also be mostly sunny but cold, with freezing levels at 1000-1500m east to west.



Serious snowfall in the Monte Rosa region, but it's nearly over - 25 November 2016 - Photo: [facebook.com/MonterosoSki](https://www.facebook.com/MonterosoSki)

Switzerland

Saturday and **Sunday** will be dry with variable cloud, sunny spells and freezing levels close to 2500m at first, dropping a little later on Sunday, especially in the north and east.

Monday will also be dry and mostly sunny (at least at altitude) though colder with freezing levels closer to 1000-1500m.



The Foehn has melted most of the snow from last week on the northern side of the Alps. This is Villars - 25 November 2016 - Photo: villars.ch

Outlook:

Tuesday and **Wednesday** look like being dry, with plenty more sunshine at altitude and relatively cool temperatures.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 29 November 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

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