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### Latest snow forecast

Updated: 2pm Tuesday 29 November 2016

With the weather now settling down, the big question is when will it next snow? The answer is later on Thursday and on Friday, but only in the far north-eastern Alps and in relatively modest quantities. For the vast majority of the Alps it is going to be dry all week, this weekend and probably all of next week too.

It's not all bad news though - the air is quite dry and the temperatures are relatively low, which means that snow-making will continue on an industrial scale in many parts of the Alps, especially in the east where it will be coldest.

Don't be too concerned about the high (generic) freezing levels in the western Alps mid-week either. With low dew points, not to mention the low sun angle at this time of year, there won't be much melting of the existing snow and, with temperature inversions in place, some of the shadier low-lying valleys will stay close to freezing all week (again especially in the east).

In other words you may be basking in warm sunshine at the top of a mountain one minute, only to find that your car windscreen is still frosted up in the car park on your return to base.

### Detailed forecast:

#### Austria

The rest of **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** will be sunny but relatively cool, with freezing levels typically between 1000m and 1500m.

**Thursday** will remain mostly dry with good sunny spells, but cloud will increase close to the northern foothills later in the day, especially in the north-west where there will be some snow flurries (500-800m) overnight.

**Friday** will be mostly cloudy in the eastern Austrian Alps, with some snow flurries (500-800m). In the south and west (Carinthia, Tirol, Vorarlberg), however, it should remain dry with sunny spells, if rather cold.



Perfect weather in Ischgl right now - 29 November 2016 - Photo: ischgl.com

#### France

The rest of **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **Thursday** and **Friday** will be dry with lots of sunshine above any cloud/fog that is trapped in some of the lower valleys.

Freezing levels will be around or below 2000m today (**Tuesday**), rising towards 3000m mid-week, before dropping again later in the week. However, with temperature inversions in place, it will remain close to freezing all day in some of the shadier valleys.

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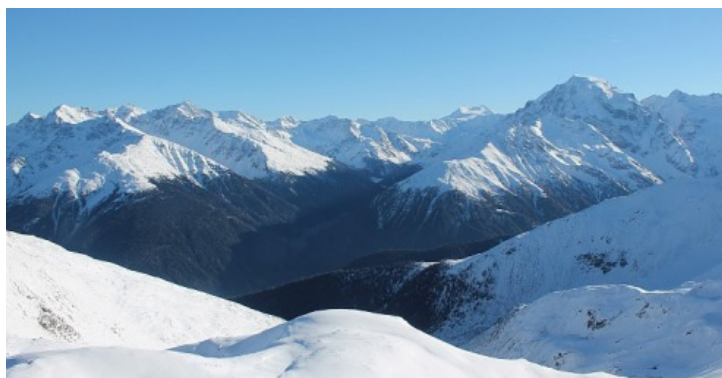
Blues skies today above Courchevel, which officially opens on 10 December - 29 November 2016 - Photo: courchevel.com

### Italy

The rest of **Tuesday** will see some cloud in the south-western Italian Alps, with even the odd flurry, but for most areas it will be dry with lots of sunshine and freezing levels typically between 1200m and 1600m.

**Wednesday to Friday** will then be dry with lots of sunshine. In the eastern Italian Alps it will stay cold with freezing levels generally between 1200m and 1600m, briefly higher on **Thursday**. It will be a little milder in the western Italian Alps, at least at altitude, with freezing levels hitting 3000m mid-week before they fall again later.

However, in both the eastern and western Italian Alps, temperature inversions will mean that it will often stay close to freezing all day long in some of the deeper, shadier valleys.



Magnificent weather in the Sud-Tirol. This is the view towards the Ortler mountain - 29 November 2016 - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

### Switzerland

The rest of **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** will be dry and mostly sunny above any low-lying fog/cloud. The only significant cloud cover will be later on **Thursday** and perhaps at first on **Friday** in the far north-east of the country.

Freezing levels will be below 2000m today (**Tuesday**), rising to between 2000m and 3000m (east to west) on **Thursday**, before descending again later. However, as elsewhere in the Alps, temperature inversions will mean that it will often be colder in the valley bottoms, where frost could persist all day.



Snow-making in progress high above Wengen - 29 November 2016 - Photo: jungfrau.ch

**Outlook:**

Next weekend will be dry with lots of sunshine at altitude, where it will feel relatively mild. The valley bottoms will again often be colder with fog/low cloud lingering in places.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 2 December 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**