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**Latest snow forecast**

**Updated: 2.30pm Tuesday 20 December 2016**

Heavy snow is still falling across some south-western parts of the Alps today, from Isola 2000 in the southern French Alps, up through the southern Piedmont (e.g. Sestriere, Bardonecchia) into parts of the Aosta Valley (e.g Cervinia, Monte Rosa, Pila) and across into the northern Piedmont (e.g. Alagna).

Some snow has also crept across the border into the French Savoie (e.g. Bonneval-sur-Arc), though Val d'Isère hasn't seen as much as hoped. It has also snowed at altitude in Zermatt and Saas-Fee but not nearly as much as in the Italian Piedmont, which has been the main focus of this storm.

This storm will die out early tomorrow leaving all Alpine regions with several days of mostly fine weather. A weak front will introduce some light rain/snow to some northern and eastern parts of the Alps over the weekend and early next week, but nothing significant, and high pressure is likely to reassert itself in most regions by the middle of next week...

**Detailed forecast:**

**Austria**

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels typically around 2500m.



Blue skies today across much of Austria. This is near Heiligenblut – 20 December 2016 – Photo: foto-webcam.eu

**France**

**Wednesday** will see some cloud at first, especially close to the Italian border, but this will tend to break up to leave most places with plenty of sunshine.

**Thursday and Friday** will then be mostly sunny above any low-level cloud/fog. Freezing levels throughout this period will typically be between 2200m and 2700m, a touch higher perhaps in the far south.

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Partly cloudy in Courchevel today, with more in the way of sun expected tomorrow – 20 December 2016 – Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

### Italy

**Wednesday** may start a bit cloudy in some western Italian resorts with a few flurries here and there. Further east, however, it will be sunny. This sunshine should extend to most areas by the end of the day.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will then be mostly sunny in all regions with freezing levels typically between 2200m and 2700m.



Lots of snow falling in the Piedmont today. This is Prato Nevoso – 20 December 2016 – Photo: facebook.com/pratonevoso

### Switzerland

**Wednesday** may start cloudy with a few flurries in the far south/south-west close to the Italian border. However, these should clear with all areas enjoying some sunshine as the day progresses.

**Thursday** and **Friday** will be fine with plenty of sunshine in all regions and freezing levels typically between 2200m and 2700m.



Variable skies in eastern Switzerland today but the sun should return tomorrow – 20 December 2016 – Photo: bivio.ch


### Outlook:

A weakening weather front will bring a little snow (1200-1600m) to some northern parts of the Alps this weekend and early next week, especially the north-east. However, it won't amount to much, and the majority of the Alps

(especially the south) will actually stay dry. In short there is no definitive return to winter expected any time soon.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 23 December 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**

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