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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 9.30pm Friday 6 January 2017

The weather in the Alps is in a much more wintry phase than it was for most of December, but it is the northern Alps that will see most of the action over the next week or so.

The next significant snow is due on Saturday night and Sunday, and will mostly affect Austria (10-30cm away from the south) and some parts of central and eastern Switzerland (5-20cm). The snow should then become more widespread on Tuesday and Wednesday, also affecting the northern French and western Swiss Alps (5-20cm).

Of real interest though is what will happen towards the end of next week, when current weather charts suggest that a more potent storm could deliver 50cm+ quite widely across the northern half of the Alps.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday will start bitterly cold (-20°C at dawn in Salzburg) but mostly sunny. Later in the day cloud will increase with some snow reaching the northern Austrian Alps by evening. Temperatures will recover a little but remain below freezing at all levels all day. Saturday night will see snow reach many Austrian resorts, though the far south (Carinthia and most of Osttirol will stay mostly dry).

On **Sunday**, this snow will continue across the northern Austrian Alps, slowly dying out later. It will remain cold with temperatures close to freezing in the lowlands, and considerably below freezing in skiing areas.

Except for a few flurries in the far east, **Monday** will be mostly dry but still cold with the best of any sunshine in the western and southern Austrian Alps.



Cold and snowy in Kitzbühel this evening – 6 January 2017 – Photo: kitzbuehel.com

France

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine and freezing levels between 700m and 1600m (north to south). However, cloud will increase in the northern French Alps later in the day with the odd flurry possible in the Savoies later in the night.

On **Sunday**, any early flurries will quickly clear to leave most areas with a dry day. In the northern Alps there may still be some cloudier interludes, but it should be mostly sunny in the southern Alps. Freezing levels will be in the 800-1800m range (north to south).

Monday will also be mostly sunny though cloud may again increase later in the day.

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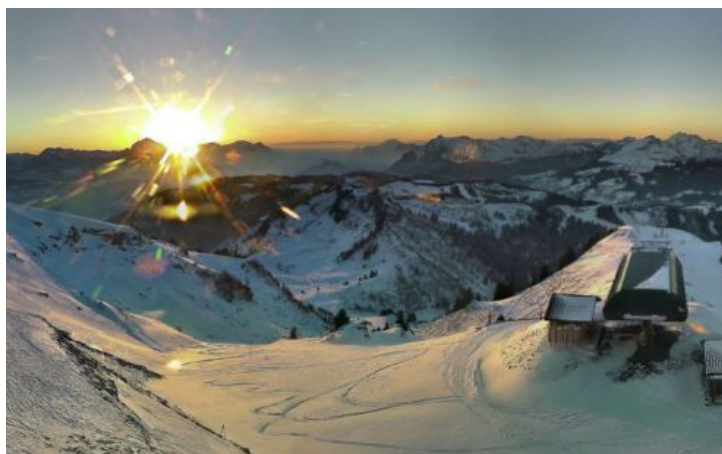
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Sunset in Morzine today – 6 January 2017 – Photo: morzine.com

Italy

Saturday will be dry and mostly sunny. It will be very cold in the east with temperatures remaining below freezing at all skiing levels, but a bit milder in the west (freezing levels 1000-1600m).

Sunday and **Monday** will remain mostly fine though some cloudier interludes are likely in the high border areas at times, especially in the east. Freezing levels will remain low in the east (typically 400-900m) but closer to 1500m in the west.



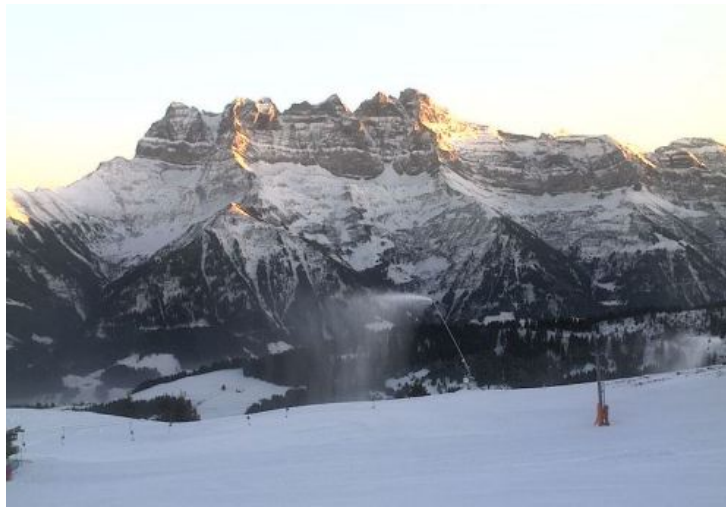
Clear but very cold in Madonna di Campiglio – 6 January 2017 – Photo: funiviecampiglio.it

Switzerland

Saturday will be dry with plenty of sunshine but cloud will increase in the north later with some snow reaching the northern Alps overnight. It will be cold, especially in the east where temperatures will remain below freezing at all levels for much of the day.

Sunday will see further snow flurries in the northern Swiss Alps, heaviest in the north-east. The far south will remain mostly dry with sunny spells. It will remain cold, especially in the east.

Monday will be relatively cold, mostly dry and sunny, but with cloud thickening in the far north later in the day.



Snow cannons in operation in Morgins – 6 January 2017 – Photo: morgins.ch

Outlook:

Tuesday will see further showers (snow around 1200m) across many parts of the Alps before it turns drier and milder for a time later in the week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 13 January 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates