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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 6.45pm Tuesday 17 January 2017

The weather has settled down this week though it will remain cold, which is good news in terms of snow preservation. So for the rest of the week we can expect plenty of sunshine, and just the odd snow flurry in the far south-western Alps (e.g. Limone, Isola 2000).

Over the weekend, however, these snow flurries may become heavier and extend a little further north to affect other western parts of the Italian Alps, perhaps even spilling over the French border to give some snow to resorts such as Val d'Isère and Val Cenis...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will see a little cloud in the eastern Austrian Alps but for the most part it will be cold and sunny with maximum temperatures typically around -12°C at 2000m

Thursday and **Friday** will be universally sunny in the mountains. It will remain cold, though daytime maximums will start to creep up a few degrees.



Variable cloud in Lech this afternoon, but it should be sunny all day tomorrow – 17 January 2017 - Photo: lech-zuers.com

France

Wednesday, **Thursday** and **Friday** will be mostly dry and sunny. However, later in the week some cloud and a few light snow flurries are possible in the far south close to the Italian border (e.g. Isola 2000).

It will be very cold to start with, but will turn a little less cold later in the week, though with maximum temperatures still generally below freezing at most skiing altitudes.

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Sunset in the Abondance valley in the Portes du Soleil – 17 January 2017 – Photo: portesdusoleil.com

Italy

Wednesday, **Thursday** and **Friday** will be mostly dry and sunny. However, later in the week some cloud and a few light snow flurries are possible in the far south close to the French border (e.g. Prato Nevoso).

It will be very cold to start with, but will turn a little less cold later in the week (especially in the west), though maximum temperatures will still be generally below freezing at most skiing altitudes.

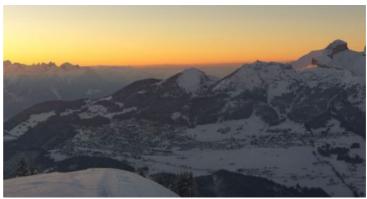


Dry but with some cloud in Sestriere this afternoon – 17 January 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Wednesday will see some low cloud still plaguing the northern foothills, but most places will be sunny but very cold with maximum temperatures typically around -8°C at 2000m.

Thursday and **Friday** will remain mostly sunny in the mountains with very cold nights but gradually increasing daytime maximums.



Leysin, viewed from the slopes of Villars – 17 January 2017 – Photo: villars.ch

Outlook:

Over the weekend, snow showers may become heavier and more generalised in the south-western Alps (affecting areas such as the Milky Way and perhaps even Val d'Isère and Val Cenis), though most of the Alps will remain dry. It will also gradually turn less cold.

