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**Latest snow forecast**

**Updated: 1.30pm Wednesday 22 February 2017**

The Alps are under currently under the influence of a very mild westerly airflow.

It will continue to be mild (and mostly dry) on Wednesday and Thursday, but temperatures will drop on Friday with the arrival of a cold front. This front will also bring some significant snowfalls to some parts of the Alps, mostly in the north.

**Detailed forecast:**

**Austria**

The rest of **Wednesday** will be dry with variable cloud and the best of the sunshine in the west. It will be very mild with freezing levels as high as 2300m in the west.

**Thursday** will be milder still with freezing levels reaching 2500-2700m in most places.

On **Friday** a cold front will bring a big drop in temperature and some snow in many places. The rain/snow limit will drop to between 500m and 800m later in the day.



View from the top of Ischgl's ski area earlier today – 22 February 2017 – Photo: ischgl.com

**France**

The rest of **Wednesday** will be dry with good sunny spells and freezing levels at 2500m or higher.

It will remain mostly fine and very mild on **Thursday**, though cloud will increase in the north later.

**Friday** will be cloudier with outbreaks of snow, mostly in the northern half of the Alps and initially above 1200m, falling to 600-800m later.

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Sunny and mild in the southern French Alps. This is Orcières – 22 February 2017 – Photo: orcieres.com

### Italy

The rest of **Wednesday** and **Thursday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine and very mild temperatures, with freezing levels reaching 2400-2700m.

**Friday** will be cloudier, especially close to the border areas where some showers are possible at times (snow 1200-1500m, lower later). However, some places will stay dry, particularly in the south-western Italian Alps.



Bright skies over Kronplatz today – 22 February 2017 – Photo: kronplatz.com

### Switzerland

The rest of **Wednesday** will be dry with long sunny spells and very mild temperatures (freezing levels around 2500m).

**Thursday** will again be very mild and mostly fine, but cloud will increase in the north later in the day.

**Friday** will see snow (1300m, dropping to 600-800m later), heaviest in the central and northern Alps, but patchier in the south and south-east.



Almost spring-like in the Portes du Soleil this afternoon – 22 February 2017 – Photo: tele-morgins.ch

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**Outlook:**

It will become mostly fine and mild again over the weekend.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 3 March 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**