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**Latest snow forecast**

**Updated: 10.50am Friday 24 March 2017**

The weather in the Alps is quite complicated at the moment, with slow moving areas of low pressure to the west and south-west.

Over the next couple of days we will continue to see lots of cloud and, in the south-western Alps, some showers with snow above 1500-2000m, or thereabouts. Most of the snow will fall at altitude in the Italian Piedmont and southern French Alps, in resorts such as Isola 2000, Limone, Prato Nevoso, Prali and Sestriere. However, some Aosta resorts such as Cervinia, Monte Rosa and Pila may also see some moderate snowfalls high up, as will some more northerly French resorts very close to the border (e.g. Val Cenis, Bonneval-sur-Arc, Val d'Isère and Tignes). In the case of these French resorts, this is more likely on Saturday night.

Elsewhere in the Alps, except for a few showers in the west, many areas will be dry with the best chance of any bright or sunny spells the further north and east you are, especially in the northern Swiss and Austrian Alps (e.g. Engelberg, Lech, Kitzbühel).

Next week will see a return to more settled and sunnier weather across the board...

**Detailed forecast:**

**Austria**

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly dry with variable cloud and some sunny spells, especially later in the day. It will be very mild with freezing levels typically around 2700m.

**Saturday** will see similar weather but with perhaps more in the way of sunshine, especially in the north and west.

**Sunday** will be cooler with more in the way of cloud again. Most places will be dry but the odd shower (snow 1200-1500m) is possible towards the south.



Spring-like in the lower Austrian valleys – 24 March 2017 – Photo: gastein.at

**France**

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly cloudy. The northern Alps will be mostly dry with just the odd shower here and there (snow 2200m). The southern Alps (in this case roughly south of a line from Les 2 Alpes to Val Cenis) will see showers, sometimes prolonged, especially close to the Italian border, with a rain/snow limit between 1600m and 2000m.

**Saturday** will be similar but with a possible intensification of precipitation close to the Italian border, perhaps also spilling a little further north and west later

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(possible heavy snow for Val d'Isère/Tignes on Saturday night). The rain/snow limit will start around 1800m but drop later.

**Sunday** will see a few showers (snow 1700m) at first, though these should die away to leave many places with a dry and increasingly bright day – particularly away from the border.



Fresh snow in Auron near Isola 2000 – 24 March 2017 – Photo: facebook.com/Pascal.Lequenne

### Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be rather cloudy. The central and eastern Alps (Lombardy, Dolomites) will be mostly dry and see a few sunny spells. However, further west (Piedmont, Aosta) there will be some showers or longer periods of snow (1600-2000m).

On **Saturday** there will be relatively little change in the weather, except that the precipitation may intensify later in the day and overnight, especially close to the French border where the rain/snow limit will descend to 1200-1400m.

**Sunday** will see a few early showers (snow 1400m) close to the French border, otherwise most places will be dry with plenty of sunshine in the more central and eastern regions.



Snowing this morning in Sestriere – 24 March 2017 – Photo: vialattea.it

### Switzerland

**Friday** will be mostly dry but rather cloudy with a few showers close to the Italian border, especially to the east of Zermatt and around the Simplon region (snow 1600m). The best of any sunny breaks will be in the northern Alps where freezing levels will be much higher (2700m).

**Saturday** will start dry with sunny spells in many regions but the far south/south-west will again be cloudier with a few showers (again heaviest around the Simplon region). Later in the day it will become more generally cloudy in the south-west with some more widespread (but mostly light) showers overnight (snow 1300-1500m).

**Sunday** will start cloudy with a few showers in places (snow 1300-1500m) but sunny spells should increase as the day goes on.



Rather cloudy but very mild in the northern Alps. This is Château d'Oex – 24 March 2017 – Photo: chateau-oex.ch

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### **Outlook:**

Next week will see a return to more settled weather across the Alps with lots of sunshine, chilly nights and warm afternoons.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 21 March 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**