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### Latest snow forecast

**Updated: 4.10pm Wednesday 27 December 2017**

The weather remains very unsettled with a series of storms set to cross the Alps over the next few days.

The most potent of these storms is already underway today, with the heaviest snow in the western and southern Alps, in resorts such as Flaine, Alpe d'Huez, St Moritz, Madesimo, Passo Tonale, the Sella Ronda and Nassfeld.

After something of a reprieve on Thursday, at least in the west, further weather fronts will hit the Alps on Friday and Saturday. However, with milder air in the mix, Saturday is also likely to see some rain lower down.

Over the next few days, the combination of heavy snow, rain, high winds and fluctuating temperatures will dramatically increase the already considerable avalanche risk in many areas. Venturing off-piste is highly discouraged...

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### Detailed snow forecast:

#### Austria

**Wednesday** night will see snow (400-600m) in the far south spreading to other parts of the Austrian Alps.

**Thursday** will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (at very low levels), increasingly confined to the north (e.g. Salzburgland) later in the day.

**Friday** will be chilly but mostly dry with sunny spells. However, cloud will increase in the west later in the day.

**Saturday** will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of snow in most areas, initially to quite low levels, but rising to 1500m in places later. The far south (i.e. Carinthia) should stay mostly dry.



Overcast but still mostly dry today in the Vorarlberg, This is Golm – 27 December 2017 – Photo: golm.at

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#### France

**Wednesday** night will see snow to low levels across much of the French Alps.

**Thursday** will see any early snow flurries in the north clear away to leave most places with a fine but cold day with a brisk northerly wind. Freezing levels will be below 500m.

**Friday** will start dry and possibly bright but cloud will thicken up again to bring snow to most regions later in the day. The rain/snow limit will start very low, but rise to between 700m and 1000m later.

**Saturday** will see further precipitation, mostly across the northern French Alps, but with a rain/snow limit rising towards 1800-2000m. The far southern French

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Alps (e.g. Isola 2000) may stay mostly dry.



Heavy snow in Les Gets late this afternoon – 27 December 2017 – Photo: lesgets.com

### Italy

**Wednesday** night will see snow in the central and eastern Alps (e.g. Dolomites) dying out later, and also across many western Italian resorts (e.g. Courmayeur). In both cases the snow will fall to very low levels.

**Thursday** will see a few early flurries dying out to leave a mostly dry but cold day with sunny spells.

**Friday** will be cold with plenty of sunshine in the central and eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Dolomites). However, cloud will thicken in the west (e.g. Courmayeur) later with snow returning during the afternoon.

**Saturday** will remain mostly dry with some sunny spells in the east but western resorts (e.g. Courmayeur, La Thuile) will be cloudier with some snow, the rain/snow limit rising towards 1500m later.



Snowing today in Madesimo – 27 December 2017 – Photo: madesimo.com

### Switzerland

**Wednesday** night will see one area of snow in the south-east of Switzerland (e.g. St Moritz) die away while another in the west moves east again, so that all parts will see some snow to low levels.

On **Thursday** any early flurries will quickly die away, then all parts will be dry but cold with sunny spells and freezing levels below the ski areas.

**Friday** will start dry but snow (600-1000m) will reach the west by the afternoon, spreading further east later. The far south should stay mostly dry.

**Saturday** will be milder with outbreaks of rain/snow in many parts, though some southern areas may only see a few light showers. The rain/snow limit will continue to rise to reach 1800-2000m across the north later.

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Cloudy with snow this afternoon in Graubunden – 27 December 2017 – Photo: berggasthaus-beverin.com

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#### **Outlook:**

The weather in the Alps will remain very changeable as we approach the New Year with fluctuating temperatures and further snow (or in places rain) at times.

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**Our next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 29 December 2017, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**