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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 7.40pm Tuesday 16 January 2018

The weather in the Alps is going through another very unsettled spell, with the northern and western Alps in particular set to see a lot of snow at altitude over the next few days. By the end of the week there is likely to have been between 80cm and 180cm of new snow in the northern and especially north-western Alps (e.g. Chamonix, Flaine, Mürren, Engelberg and Lech).

However, as there will also be some milder air in the mix, some rain is also possible low down, especially early tonight and on Thursday.

Another important factor that skiers need to consider this week is the wind, which will be a major feature throughout the week just about everywhere. Expect plenty of disruption with lift closures, especially at high altitude.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy in the Austrian Alps, with showers or longer spells of snow for most (400m), heaviest in the morning and in the north and west. Only the far south (Carinthia) will escape with little or no precipitation.

Thursday will see continued showers, followed by some more persistent precipitation in the north later on as a warm front approaches. The rain/snow limit will initially be low but will rise towards 1200m in some exposed areas of the north later. The far south will again stay mostly dry.

It will turn colder again on **Friday** with snow showers (600-800m) for many, heaviest in the north with the best of any sunshine in the far south.

Wind will be a potential problem throughout the week. Expect plenty of disruption with lift closures, especially at high altitude.



Cloudy with snow at times this afternoon in Ischgl – 16 January 2018 –Photo: ischgl.com

France

Wednesday will be cold in the French Alps, with showers or longer spells of snow to all skiing levels across the northern half of the Alps. Further south, any showers will be fewer and further between, with plenty of sunshine close to the Mediterranean.

Thursday will see further significant precipitation across the northern Alps. However, the arrival of a warm front will send the rain/snow limit back up towards 1200-1400m (perhaps a little lower in some very sheltered valleys). The far south will again remain mostly sunny.

Friday will see further showers across the northern Alps with the snow-line descending to low levels once again. In the southern quarter of the Alps it will again remain mostly dry.

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#Cervinia unexpectedly closed again tomorrow following new decree. No further details at this time.
<https://twitter.com/CerviniaValt/status/1320372177292623872>

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Yesterday #MountNorquay become the first Canadian resort to open for skiing this season - its earliest ever opening too.



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Note that wind will be a potential problem throughout the week. Expect plenty of disruption with lift closures, especially at high altitude.



A mixture of rain and snow in Châtel today, but tomorrow it will all be snow – 16 January 2018 – Photo: chatel.com

Italy

Wednesday will see variable weather in Italy, with good sunny spells in the central and eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Dolomites), and in the far south-west close to the Mediterranean. In between there will also be some snow showers, especially in the Aosta valley (e.g. Courmayeur, La Thuile, Cervinia), where any snow will fall to very low levels.

Thursday will again be mixed with the best of any sun in the eastern Alps and the chance of further showers in the north-west. It will turn milder though, with the rain/snow limit creeping back up above 1000m.

Friday will see the same weather pattern as Thursday, with further bits and pieces of snow here and there, heaviest again in the north-west. There will also be some showers further east. With colder air digging in, the rain/snow limit will again fall to low levels.

Note that wind will be a potential problem throughout the week. Expect plenty of disruption with lift closures, especially at high altitude.

Switzerland

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy in the Swiss Alps, with showers or longer spells of snow to low altitudes, heaviest in the north and west. The far south may see a few sunny spells.

It will remain very unsettled on **Thursday**, with further significant precipitation, especially in the western Swiss Alps, though the far south may again stay dry. It will turn milder, with the rain/snow limit rising to 1200-1400m in some more exposed parts of the north and west later.

On **Friday**, it will turn colder with snow showers falling to low levels again, heaviest in the north and west.

Note that wind will be a potential problem throughout the week. Expect plenty of disruption with lift closures, especially at high altitude.

Outlook:

It will be cold on Saturday, with further snow showers across some northern parts of the Alps while the southern Alps stay mostly fine.

The fine weather should extend to other regions on Sunday though it will remain cold.

Our next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 16 January 2018, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates


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