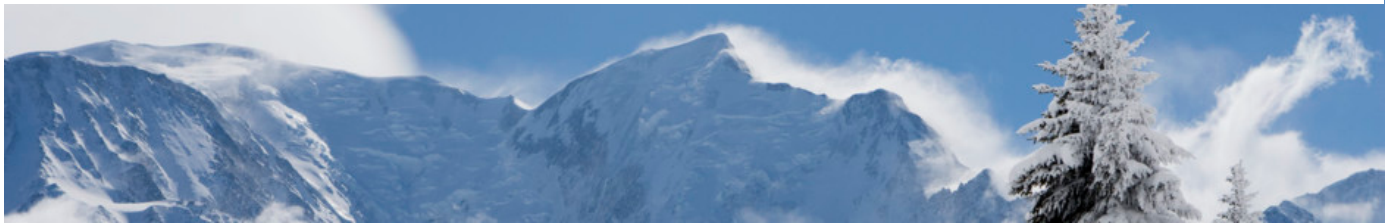




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Latest snow forecast

Updated: 5.30pm Sunday 19 December 2021

High pressure remains in control of the weather in the Alps, meaning plenty of sunshine across the board over the next few days.

On Monday it will feel relatively mild at altitude in the western Alps, but colder in the east. Temperatures will then gradually turn colder (albeit remaining a little milder in the west), but a more unsettled south-westerly airflow will establish itself from Thursday onwards, bringing an increasing risk of showers or longer spells of rain/snow, initially in the south-west but extending to other parts of the Alps over the weekend.

The rain/snow limit for the next storm cycle remains uncertain at this stage, but it is likely to be relatively high at first, at least in the west, before lowering later in the week and over the weekend.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Monday will see variable cloud cover in the Austrian Alps, with a few snow flurries (to low levels) across some north-eastern parts (e.g. Salzburgland, Upper Austria). Most areas will stay dry, however, with the best of the sunshine in the far south.

Tuesday and **Wednesday** will be sunny across Austria, but colder with maximum temperatures barely above freezing, even in the lower valleys.



Sunny skies this weekend in Saalbach, but some clouds are likely tomorrow – Photo: facebook.com/skicircus, 19 December 2021

France

Monday will remain sunny in the French Alps, at least above any low cloud continuing to plague some of the lower valleys, especially those close to the northern and western foothills. Freezing levels will be around 2800m.

Tuesday and **Wednesday** will remain sunny in the French Alps, although it will turn a little colder with freezing levels closer to 2300m.

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Glorious weather in Alpe d'Huez this weekend. This is the view from outside the L'île d'Oz restaurant high above the satellite resort of Oz-en-Oisans - 19 December 2021 - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

Italy

Monday will be sunny in the Italian Alps, with freezing levels close to 2800m in the west (e.g Piedmont), but closer to 1500m in the east (i.e. the Dolomites).

Tuesday and **Wednesday** will remain sunny across the board, although freezing levels will generally fall to below 1000m.

Switzerland

On **Monday**, cloud will continue to plague some of the lower valleys of the Swiss Alps, especially those close to the northern foothills. For most of this Swiss Alps, however, it will be another sunny day with freezing levels around 2500m in the west, but generally below 2000m in the east.

Monday and **Tuesday** will remain sunny across the Swiss Alps, although it will turn colder with freezing levels around 1800-2000m in the west but closer to 1200m in the east.



Sunny skies over Saas-Fee this weekend - 19 December 2021 - Photo: facebook.com/saas-fee

Outlook:

Thursday will see cloud increase in the western Alps, with some showers likely late in the day (snow 1400-1700m).

On **Friday**, there is a risk of showers (rain/snow limit 1000-1500m) becoming more widespread across the Alps, heaviest in the south and west.

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