

4 February - 6 February 2016

Outlook for south-east Europe and the Greek Islands

An area of low pressure, currently to the west of Greece, will deepen and gradually move eastwards. This brings increasing cloud along with rain across the south of Greece and the Greek Islands from Thursday and into the weekend, with heavy thundery showers likely on Friday. Very strong southerly winds will develop late Wednesday into Thursday in association with this low pressure system, bringing rough seas through the central Aegean Sea and around the Greek Islands. During Friday and Saturday winds will become strong and northerly combined with colder temperatures, maintaining the risk of rough seas and large waves through the Aegean and around the islands.

Sea conditions are likely to become increasingly challenging through this period, combined with colder temperatures over the weekend, leading to a marked wind chill. Previous event analysis would suggest a reduction in arrivals to the Greek Islands due to increased wave heights. There may also be an increased risk of hypothermia for people exposed to cold and strong northerly winds.

Additionally, a frontal system moves southeast through Europe over the next two days, bringing colder weather and a risk of snow for Slovenia, Croatia and for western parts of Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The greatest risk of snow is likely to be across Slovenia, especially the high ground where 20-40cm may fall. At lower levels 10-15cm is possible and although locally this may result in some disruption on the roads, any impacts on the rail network and onward movements of people are likely to be minimal.

Lesvos

Minimum temperatures:

4.2.2016 Thursday morning 4C
5.2.2016 Friday morning 10C
5.2.2016 Saturday morning 3C

Maximum temperatures:

4.2.2016 Thursday afternoon 15C
5.2.2016 Friday afternoon 10C,
6.2.2016 Saturday afternoon 6C

Weather:

Becoming cloudy, with a rain late Thursday with a risk of heavy thundery showers on Friday.

Kos

Minimum temperatures:

4.2.2016 Thursday morning 12C
5.2.2016 Friday morning 10C
6.2.2016 Saturday morning 8C

Maximum temperatures:

4.2.2016 Thursday afternoon 16C
5.2.2016 Friday afternoon 12C
6.2.2016 Saturday afternoon 12C

Weather:

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