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Maya: Good morning, Monte Carlo, and welcome to the Monte Carlo Morning Briefing. It is Wednesday, October seventh, twenty twenty-six, and I am Maya.

Devon: And I am Devon. Maya, we need to start with the weather, because today is going to be a dramatic one on the Riviera.

Maya: That is the headline, Devon. Wednesday is a storm day. Thunderstorms are expected across the Principality, with a one hundred percent chance of rain through the day. The high reaches seventy-two, the low drops to sixty-six, and the wind is coming out of the southwest at around seventeen miles an hour.

Devon: So if you had plans on a rooftop terrace this afternoon, maybe move them inside. This is the kind of day where the harbor goes gray and the streets of Monte Carlo shine like glass.

Maya: Exactly. Now, the good news is that this is the front of the system. Thursday still looks unsettled, with a sixty-three percent chance of showers, a high of seventy-nine and a low of sixty-six, and winds around fourteen miles an hour.

Devon: But then Friday starts the turn, right?

Maya: It does. Friday brings a high of seventy-two and a low of sixty-three, with the rain chance dropping to twenty-nine percent and much lighter wind, around seven miles an hour. And then the weekend is beautiful.

Devon: Tell me about the weekend, because that is what everyone wants to hear.

Maya: Saturday is a perfect Riviera day. High of seventy-two, low of sixty-three, zero chance of rain, and a gentle breeze around six miles an hour. Sunday looks just as nice, high of seventy-two, low of sixty-four, also completely dry.

Devon: And into next week?

Maya: Monday and Tuesday stay settled. Highs around seventy-two to seventy-three, lows around sixty-four, and rain chances under ten percent. So the message is simple. Get through today's storms, and the Riviera rewards you with a gorgeous stretch.

Devon: That is quite the trade. Let us move to the water, because coastal conditions matter as much as the sky here. What does the Mediterranean look like today?

Maya: Today the harbor is in decent shape. Waves are running about two and a half feet, and the water is a warm seventy-six degrees, which is lovely for an October swim if you are brave about the weather.

Devon: Two and a half feet is very manageable. But does the storm change that?

Maya: It does, a bit. As the system moves through, the waves build toward about four feet on Thursday, so small craft and day boats should keep a closer eye on the forecast tomorrow. For today, though, the harbor looks fine for anyone heading out, just keep the rain gear handy.

Devon: Fair enough. Now, the night skies. Tonight, what are we working with?

Maya: Sunset is at seven o one this evening, and true darkness arrives around eight

Devon: But I have to be honest here. With thunderstorms rolling through all day, are we actually going to see anything?

Maya: Honestly, probably not, at least not early. If the clouds break after the storm passes, step out and look southeast for Saturn. But if the sky stays a wall of gray, tonight is a night for the windows and a good dinner instead. No shame in that.

Devon: Sound advice. Let us turn to arts and entertainment, because there is plenty happening around the Principality this week. What should people put on their calendars?

Maya: First up, football fans, this is a big one. A S Monaco takes on Toulouse F C at Stade Louis the Second on Saturday evening. It is a home match, the atmosphere at the stadium will be electric, and with Saturday's weather looking perfect, it is shaping up to be a great night out.

Devon: I love a Saturday night at Stade Louis the Second. What else?

Maya: For something completely different, there is a wonderful exhibition at the Audiovisual Institute of Monaco called A Wedding in the Spotlight, celebrating the marriage of Rainier the Third and Grace Kelly in April of nineteen fifty-six. It traces how the world watched that wedding, from newsreels to amateur filmmakers, and it runs all the way through February of twenty twenty-seven.

Devon: That is the kind of thing that only Monaco could do this well. One more?

Maya: Music lovers should mark Saturday, November seventh. Tenor Jonathan Tetelman gives a recital at the Opera Garnier Monte Carlo. His voice has been called irresistibly beautiful by the German press, and hearing him in that room is going to be special.

Devon: A full weekend of football, history, and music. Now, the local news. Maya, what is making headlines around Monaco?

Maya: Our first story is a big diplomatic one. The two-day state visit of Italian President Sergio Mattarella to Monaco has just concluded. He was welcomed at the Prince's Palace with full military honors, both national anthems were played, and the princely children, Jacques and Gabriella, were part of the ceremony.

Devon: And the evenings were pure Monaco, were they not?

Maya: Completely. The two couples attended a performance by mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli at the Monte-Carlo Opera, followed by a state banquet in the palace's Throne Room. Honors were exchanged, with Mattarella receiving the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Charles, and the visit wrapped up with a stop at the Oceanographic Museum. It was the first Italian presidential state visit to Monaco, and it put the Principality's soft power on full display.

Devon: A historic visit, beautifully staged. What is our second story?

Maya: A story close to a lot of hearts. On Saturday evening, Princess Charlene switched on the pink illuminations at Casino Square, lighting up the Casino de Monte-Carlo, the Hotel de Paris, and One Monte-Carlo in pink to mark the start of Pink October.

our third story?

Maya: This one is pure romance on rails. The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is adding Monaco to its itinerary for the first time ever, starting in twenty twenty-seven.

The inaugural overnight journey departs Paris on May tenth, twenty twenty-seven, traces the French Riviera into the Principality, and continues on to Venice. It will become an annual departure, with fares starting at four thousand eight hundred seventy euros per person.

Devon: And there is a beautiful twist to this story, right?

Maya: There is. Fifty years ago, in nineteen seventy-seven, the man who revived the Orient Express bought two original Art Deco sleeping cars at a Sotheby's auction right here in Monte Carlo. That purchase set the whole restoration in motion. So fifty years later, the city that made the train's revival possible finally joins the route. Midnight-blue carriages, restored Art Deco interiors, and the Mediterranean as the backdrop. The arrival is the reason to go.

Devon: What a story. Maya, that wraps our news, and honestly, what a morning it has been. Storms on the water, Saturn behind the clouds, a presidential visit, pink lights on the Casino, and the world's most famous train finally coming home.

Maya: It never stops here, does it? That is your Monte Carlo Morning Briefing for Wednesday, October seventh. Stay dry through the storms today, keep Saturday clear for the football and that perfect weather, and we will see you tomorrow morning.

Devon: Have a wonderful Wednesday, Monte Carlo. We will talk to you soon.