

# Monday, October 5, 2026

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**Maya:** Good morning, Santorini. It is Monday, October fifth, and this is your Santorini Morning Briefing. I am Maya.

**Devon:** And I am Devon. October is off to a gentle start.

**Maya:** We have a settled stretch to begin the week. Today, Monday, highs around seventy-two, lows around sixty-six, with mostly clear skies and a light breeze near twelve miles per hour.

**Devon:** Tuesday looks like a copy of Monday. High of seventy-two, low of sixty-six, sunshine, winds around thirteen miles per hour. Wednesday is partly cloudy, still seventy-two for the high, sixty-six for the low, and winds easing to about ten miles per hour.

**Maya:** Thursday is the pick of the week if you ask me. High of seventy-three, low of sixty-six, mostly clear, and the wind drops to about six miles per hour.

**Devon:** Friday brings more cloud. Overcast skies, high of seventy-three, low of sixty-six, winds around eleven miles per hour. Then Saturday turns unsettled. Overcast with a slight chance of a thunderstorm, high of seventy-two, low of seventy, and winds around fourteen miles per hour.

**Maya:** And Sunday rounds out the week overcast and cooler, high of seventy, low of sixty-eight, with just a small chance of rain and very light winds around five miles per hour. So overall, a dry, mild, calm first half of the week, with some cloud and a little unsettled weather by the weekend.

**Devon:** One note for anyone planning water time this week. The Aegean is cooperative. Wave heights are around three feet today, easing toward about two feet by midweek, and the water is a very swimmable seventy-three degrees.

**Maya:** That is a lovely October swim if I have ever heard one. Tonight's sky?

**Devon:** Tonight is a treat for stargazers. The sun sets at about six fifty-six this evening, and it is fully dark by about eight twenty-one. The moon is a waning crescent, only about thirty percent lit, and it sets in the late afternoon, so the evening sky is beautifully dark with no moonlight washing things out.

**Maya:** Dark skies over the caldera, that is hard to beat.

**Devon:** It really is. After dark, look southeast for Saturn, riding about thirty-five degrees above the horizon. No bright ISS passes expected tonight, but the early week is mostly clear, so conditions are good from anywhere dark, like the Akrotiri lighthouse road or the quieter paths above Imerovigli.

**Maya:** Let us turn to what is on around the island this week. It is October, so the events calendar is thinner than summer, but there is still plenty worth your time.

**Devon:** First, mark your calendars for the sixteenth through the eighteenth of October, when the Santorini Experience returns. It is a three-day sports tourism event co-organized by the Municipality of Thera. Friday the sixteenth brings the Ancient

is an immersive performance inside a two-hundred-year-old home, with Greek music, dancing, plate smashing, plus meze and local Santorini white wine.

**Maya:** And for culture, the exhibition called Kykladitisses, Untold Stories of Women in the Cyclades, is on in Santorini through the thirtieth of November, according to the national tourism listings. And if you have not visited the Megaro Gyzi museum in Fira, its season runs through the end of October, daily.

**Devon:** Now to the news. Story one. Greece is tightening its cruise tourism rules for Santorini and Mykonos. Santorini's Municipal Port Fund of Thira set a daily ceiling of eight thousand cruise passengers for both twenty twenty-five and twenty twenty-six. For twenty twenty-six, ships are counted at one hundred percent of capacity rather than eighty percent, so the cap bites harder. Ports can leave requests unconfirmed or propose alternative dates when the limit is exceeded.

**Maya:** That cap has been one of the clearest examples of how Greece is managing overtourism, and the tighter counting method shows they are serious about holding the line.

**Devon:** Story two is a difficult one for the island. Santorini's wine production is in crisis. According to reports citing the Greek Wine Federation, this year's grape harvest could fall to just four hundred to four hundred fifty tons. Back in twenty twenty, production was around two thousand five hundred tons. Federation president Stelios Boutaris points to the abandonment of vineyards as one of the main threats, alongside challenging weather.

**Maya:** That is a staggering drop for one of the world's most distinctive wine regions. The same reporting notes quality remains high and demand is strong internationally, so the remaining wines are precious, but the vineyard loss is a real long-term worry.

**Devon:** And story three, a silver lining for autumn travelers. A new price comparison reports that Santorini hotel prices fall by as much as fifty-four percent in autumn, from around one hundred eighty dollars a night in summer to about eighty-three dollars. With the average autumn temperature around seventy-three degrees and thinner crowds, October is quietly one of the best months to visit.

**Maya:** So to recap. Mild and mostly dry through Thursday, cloudier with a small storm chance by Saturday. Seas around three feet. Dark moonless evenings, perfect for Saturn. The Santorini Experience lands October sixteenth through eighteenth, the Greek Wedding Show is on nightly in Fira, and the Kykladitisses exhibition runs through late November.

**Devon:** That is your Santorini Morning Briefing for Monday, October fifth. I am Devon.

**Maya:** And I am Maya. Make it a great week, Santorini. We will be back tomorrow morning.