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Maya: Good morning, Santorini, and welcome to the Santorini Morning Briefing for Sunday, October fourth, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. Happy Sunday, everyone. Early October on the island is one of the sweetest times of year, warm sea, thinning crowds, and that low golden light on the caldera. Let's get you set up for the day and the week ahead.

Maya: Let's start with the week-ahead weather, because it is looking like a classic October stretch, mild, mostly dry, and breezy at the start. Today, Sunday, expect a high near twenty-two degrees and a low around twenty, with skies ranging from partly cloudy to overcast. Winds will be the noticeable story today, gusting around twenty-seven kilometers per hour, so hold on to your hats up on the caldera rim.

Devon: Rain chances today are tiny, just about three percent, and that theme holds all week. Monday and Tuesday: highs of twenty-two, lows of nineteen, partly cloudy, rain chances effectively zero. Winds ease to around twenty kilometers per hour Monday and twenty-one on Tuesday.

Maya: Wednesday and Thursday warm up a notch to twenty-three degrees for the high, with lows holding at nineteen. Winds drop further, around seventeen kilometers per hour Wednesday and sixteen on Thursday, and skies stay mixed. Friday brings a slight uptick in rain chances to about ten percent, high twenty-two, low twenty-two, winds around fifteen kilometers per hour.

Devon: And rounding out the week on Saturday, October tenth, expect a high of twenty-two, a low of twenty-two, overcast skies, and about a ten percent chance of rain. Winds will be at their calmest all week, around thirteen kilometers per hour.

Maya: One heads-up for sun lovers: the ultraviolet index sits around five and a half most days, which is moderate to high. Even in October, that midday caldera glare is real, so pack the sunscreen if you're out exploring.

Devon: Turning to the Aegean. Coastal conditions start the week lively: wave heights near one and a half meters today, Sunday, settling to about a meter on Monday and easing below a meter by Tuesday. The water temperature is a very pleasant twenty-two and a half degrees, so swimming is still very much on the table.

Maya: For the catamaran and day-boat crowd, Sunday's chop is worth noting, but conditions improve quickly through the first half of the week.

Devon: Now, night skies tonight. Sunset is just before seven, at about six fifty-seven, and full astronomical darkness arrives around eight twenty-three in the evening.

Maya: The moon is in its last quarter tonight, about forty-four percent lit, and it doesn't rise until after midnight, so skies stay dark from dusk well into the night. That's a generous viewing window.

Devon: And the star of the show, literally, is Saturn, riding high in the southeast at

horizon. Santorini Experience twenty twenty-six runs from Friday, October sixteenth through Sunday, October eighteenth. It is one of the most distinctive multisport events in the world: trail runs of five, ten, and fifteen kilometers starting and finishing in Oia, an iconic two point four kilometer open-water swim from the volcano to the Old Port of Fira on Saturday the seventeenth, and a brand-new Ancient Thera five-kilometer run in Kamari debuting this year.

Maya: And it is not just for athletes. On Saturday afternoon, October seventeenth, the second annual Santorini Experience Sunset Party takes over with internationally acclaimed DJ Vasilis Tsilichristos spinning against the backdrop of the caldera at sunset. Admission is free, open to residents, athletes, and visitors alike.

Devon: For a different kind of evening, the Greek Wedding Show runs nightly in Fira, an immersive, joyful performance inside a restored two-hundred-year-old home. Live Greek musicians, dancing, and yes, a plate to smash at the end. It is ninety percent live performance and a great pick any night of the week.

Maya: Honest note: October is shoulder season, so cultural listings beyond these are thin this weekend. If you're in the mood to explore, the island's galleries in Oia and Imerovigli are still open and quiet, which might be the best version of them.

Devon: Now to local news, and we start with something very practical. The electricity operator DEDDIE has announced scheduled power outages across the island from Saturday, October third through Thursday, October eighth, for technical maintenance on the grid. That is according to Mykonea.

Maya: The schedule hits several areas. Yesterday, Saturday, outages were at Vouno Pyrgou from eight in the morning to one in the afternoon, and briefly in Megalochori around one. Tomorrow, Monday, expect cuts in Karterados from eight to two. Tuesday hits Karterados again and the area near the stadium. Wednesday affects Ammoudi and the Canaves Hotel, and Thursday wraps up in Oia and Imerovigli. DEDDIE reminds everyone to treat indoor electrical installations as live at all times and to avoid contact with any downed cables.

Devon: Second story, and it is a mixed signal for the island's tourism economy. New figures from INSETE show that Santorini's airport handled five hundred five thousand seven hundred sixty-seven international arrivals from January through August this year, up just zero point three percent over last year. That is essentially flat, according to Money Tourism Greece.

Maya: For context, Mykonos was up nine point one percent in the same period, Heraklion up five percent, and Chania up nearly ten percent. Santorini is the outlier, and the report notes concerns about the island's growth, coming on the heels of the seismic activity in early twenty twenty-five that disrupted bookings.

Devon: And our third story connects to that. Greece is tightening cruise tourism management for Santorini and Mykonos, according to Travel and Tour World. Santorini keeps its firm daily cap of eight thousand cruise passengers, managed through the Municipal Port Fund of Thira's berthing framework, with ships now

Devon: And that's your morning, Santorini. A breezy but beautiful Sunday, a dry mild week, dark skies with Saturn on display tonight, a big sports weekend to look forward to later this month, and a heads-up on those power cuts this week.

Maya: Thanks for starting your Sunday with us. We'll be back tomorrow morning with a fresh briefing. Until then, soak up that October light. Good morning, Santorini.