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

Devon: And I'm Devon. A lovely midweek morning on the caldera, and honestly, the week ahead looks just as good. Let's get you caught up.

Maya: Let's start with the weather, and it's the kind of forecast that makes you glad you came to Santorini in October. Today, Wednesday, brings a high of seventy-two degrees and a low of sixty-four, with just a few clouds drifting by and a breeze around eleven miles per hour.

Devon: Thursday looks even better. Mostly clear skies, a high of seventy-five, a low of sixty-four, and the wind eases back to around seven miles per hour. Pretty close to a perfect beach day, really.

Maya: Friday keeps the pattern going. A high of seventy-five, a low of sixty-eight, winds near nine miles per hour, and essentially no chance of rain all day.

Devon: Saturday: a high of seventy-five again, a low of seventy, with just a five percent chance of a shower. Not zero, but about as close to zero as weather forecasts get.

Maya: Sunday brings a little more breeze, winds near twelve miles per hour, a high of seventy-three, and a low of sixty-eight. Monday stays mild, with a high of seventy-two and a low of seventy, and the wind calming to around nine miles per hour.

Devon: And then next Tuesday is the one day to keep an eye on. The clouds build, there's a twelve percent chance of rain showers, and the high slips back to seventy degrees. Nothing dramatic, just the first hint that autumn is on its way.

Maya: The takeaway: a settled, warm stretch through the whole weekend, with sunshine in the mid-seventies and barely any rain chance. Sun protection still matters, by the way. The UV index sits around five and a half through most of the week, so that Aegean sun is stronger than it looks.

Devon: On the water, conditions are calm and inviting. Wave heights are around two feet today, easing a little as the week goes on, and the sea is a pleasant seventy-two degrees. That's a genuinely swimmable temperature, especially on the island's west coast where the water stays a touch warmer.

Maya: It should be a lovely week for a morning swim off Ammoudi Bay, a boat trip out to the hot springs, or one of those caldera catamaran sails at sunset. With winds this light, the water stays smooth and the views stay spectacular.

Devon: Now the night sky, and here's tonight's good news: it's going to be dark. The moon is a slim waning crescent, only fourteen percent lit, and it sets in the late afternoon, well before the stars come out.

Maya: That means a moonless evening, which is perfect for stargazing. After dark, Saturn

thin right now. October is shoulder season, and most of the big summer festivals have wrapped up. But there's still plenty worth your evening.

Devon: The standout is the exhibition *Kykladitisses*, subtitled *Untold Stories of Women in the Cyclades*, showing here in Thera through the end of November. It's a deep dive into the lives and stories of women across the Cycladic islands, told through art and artifacts.

Maya: For a night out with some energy, The Greek Wedding Show plays nightly in Fira, in a restored two-hundred-year-old home. It's an interactive evening of traditional music, dancing, and yes, plate smashing, with local wine and meze included.

Devon: And one to put in your diary: the Santorini Experience returns from October sixteenth to the eighteenth. That's the island's big multisport weekend, with trail races through Oia and an open-water swim from the volcano to the Old Port of Fira. Even if you're not racing, the atmosphere around the island that weekend is electric.

Maya: Now the news, and we start with the cruise ships. Since October first, the cruise passenger levy here in Santorini has dropped from twenty euros to twelve euros per passenger, for the shoulder season running through the end of October.

Devon: It's a deliberate bit of crowd management by the Greek authorities. Peak-season fees are higher to push cruise lines toward quieter months, and Santorini has also put a daily cap on cruise arrivals. The numbers suggest it's working. Scheduled cruise arrivals are down by more than eighteen percent this year compared to last year.

Maya: The idea is to ease the summer gridlock in Oia and Fira while keeping the island's tourism economy healthy. It's a balancing act, and Santorini is one of the first places in the Mediterranean trying to get it right.

Devon: Our second story is about something happening right now. The Greek National Tourism Organization is on the island this week for the Santorini to Mykonos Tourism Forum, which runs through tomorrow under the theme *One Aegean Story*.

Maya: Tourism officials, journalists, and editors from major international travel media have gathered here, with the main forum held yesterday at the Petros M. Nomikos Conference Center in Fira.

Devon: The focus is on showcasing the islands beyond the postcard image. Culture, gastronomy, wine, history, and the people behind the island's identity. It's about telling the deeper story of Santorini, and it continues over in Mykonos through Saturday.

Maya: And our final story looks ahead to that multisport weekend I mentioned. The Santorini Experience is back for its twelfth edition, from October sixteenth to eighteenth, and it's one of the most distinctive sports events in the world.

Devon: On Sunday, the eighteenth, trail runners take on five, ten, and fifteen kilometer routes starting and finishing in Oia, with the caldera and the Aegean Sea as the backdrop.

seas, dark moonless skies with Saturn on display, and plenty happening around the island.

Devon: Enjoy the island, take your sunscreen, and we'll be back tomorrow morning with another Santorini Morning Briefing. Have a wonderful day.