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Maya: Good morning, Venice, and welcome to the Venice Morning Briefing for Monday, October the fifth, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. A brand-new week on the lagoon, and the weather gives us a lovely window to start it, so let's look at the week ahead.

Maya: The first half of the week is shaping up beautifully. Today is mostly overcast but dry, with a high near twenty-two degrees and a low around fourteen, and only a ten percent chance of rain.

Devon: Tuesday looks even better, a high of twenty-two, a low of fourteen, and rain chances down to about five percent. Wednesday is much the same, a high near twenty-two, a low around thirteen, with a thirteen percent chance of a passing shower.

Maya: Then comes the turn. Thursday turns properly wet, a high of only nineteen degrees and a seventy-nine percent chance of rain, and the models are even hinting at thunderstorms. Wind picks up to twelve kilometers per hour.

Devon: Friday stays unsettled, a high of nineteen, a low of fourteen, and a sixty-seven percent chance of rain, and this is the day to watch for wind, with gusts that could reach thirty-four kilometers per hour. If you have outdoor plans, Friday is the one to move or protect.

Maya: The weekend brings relief. Saturday brings clearing skies, a high near eighteen, a low around nine, and rain chances dropping to about thirty-two percent. Sunday climbs back to twenty-one, with a low of ten and a thirty percent chance of rain. So the headline is simple: lovely through Wednesday, wet Thursday and Friday, brighter again for the weekend.

Devon: To the water now, and coastal conditions are remarkably calm. Wave heights in the lagoon and the northern Adriatic are just four centimeters today, rising only slightly midweek, and the sea temperature is holding at around twenty-three and a half degrees. It is about as smooth as the water ever gets, perfect for vaporetto rides and boat trips.

Maya: Tonight's skies cooperate too. The moon is a waning crescent, about thirty-two percent illuminated, and since it set late this afternoon, the evening sky stays dark. Astronomical darkness falls at about twenty minutes past eight, after sunset just before seven.

Devon: Saturn is the star of the show. Look to the southeast after dark and you will find it shining steadily, about thirty-two degrees above the horizon. No space station passes tonight, so Saturn has the stage entirely to itself, and with rain not arriving until Thursday, tonight is a fine night to look up from a bridge or a quiet fondamenta.

Maya: Time for arts and entertainment. and this coming weekend is when Venice's October

premiere commissioned by La Biennale.

Maya: And alongside the music festival, Venice Design Week runs from October the tenth through the eighteenth, opening artisan workshops and studios across the city. Ten days where design and music share the calendar, a very Venetian October.

Devon: Now the local headlines. First, a proud homecoming on the water. The Italian Navy's training ship Amerigo Vespucci, often called the most beautiful ship in the world, sailed back into the lagoon over the weekend after its world tour.

Maya: A water procession left St Mark's Basin on Saturday morning to welcome her in, and she is now docked at Riva San Biasio, right in front of the Naval History Museum. Guided tours aboard are by reservation and the days are already sold out. She stays in Venice until Wednesday, October the seventh, for the International Navies Symposium.

Devon: Second, a big step for Venice's cruise future. Italy's environmental assessment commission has issued a favorable opinion on new cruise berths at Porto Marghera, with dredging works across the lagoon.

Maya: The plan covers two berths with a passenger terminal on the north bank of the Canale Nord, for ships up to three hundred meters long arriving via Malamocco, with shore power so vessels can plug in instead of running their engines. Approval is conditional on reusing dredged sediment for lagoon restoration.

Devon: And third, the tourist entry fee debate rolls on. Fresh figures show the 2026 access fee produced just under six hundred eighty thousand paid vouchers and raised more than five point two million euros, while average daily visitor volumes fell by about a third compared to twenty twenty-four.

Maya: But budget councillor Michele Zuin says the current five to ten euro charge no longer deters crowds, and officials are weighing a maximum of thirty euros a day for day-trippers in twenty twenty-seven. Any increase would need the national government's approval first.

Devon: That is our briefing for this Monday. Sunshine through Wednesday, rain Thursday and Friday, Saturn bright in tonight's dark sky, and a weekend that brings the music festival and design week together.

Maya: Make the most of the clear days while they last, Venice. We will be back tomorrow morning with your next briefing. Ciao for now.