Thirty-five, in Greece.

An overnight flight, four Santorini nights, five Chania nights. Ten nights across eleven calendar dates. The birthday is Friday, June 18.

MON JUN 14

Fly out.

Houston to Athens, then connect to Santorini on June 15. Departure and connection times are still to confirm.

TUE 15 JUN

A first look at the caldera.

Athens connection, hotel transfer, and the cliff path from Firostefani into Fira. Drop the bags, find a late dinner, and let the view do the rest.

Transfer · ~30 € / Easy first evening

WED 16 JUN

Sunset from the water.

An afternoon catamaran: Red Beach, the volcano hot springs, lunch on deck, and a sunset looking back at the cliffs. This is the one big thing today.

Semi-private boat · 150–200 € / Book in April

THU 17 JUN

The long way to Oia.

Hike the rim from Imerovigli to Oia before nine, fish at Ammoudi Bay, bus back, and a winery at golden hour. Leave the afternoon loose.

~6 mi · 2.5 h / Assyrtiko

FRIDAY JUNE 18 / THE BIRTHDAY

11:00

The suite

LATE BREAKFAST · DO NOTHING UNTIL FOUR

16:00

Get ready

HAIR · MAKEUP · ASK ABOUT AN ON-SITE STYLIST

19:00

Golden hour

PHOTOGRAPHER · ONE HOUR · 250-400 €

21:00

Dinner

SUNSET TABLE · BOOK TWO WEEKS OUT

Chania, at your own pace.

June 19-24 / Five nights on the harbor. Crossing estimates are indicative; 2027 sailing times still need confirmation.

SAT 19 JUN

Meet you at the lighthouse.

Ferry in, bags dropped, then the Venetian harbor out to the lighthouse at sunset. Dinner on the water. No alarm tomorrow.

Ask the hotel about a luggage cart / Old town streets can be car-free

SUN 20 JUN

A whole day to wander.

Sleep in. Browse the old-town lanes, find lunch in Splantzia, take a swim at Nea Chora, and follow the sound of a lyra after dinner. Check market opening before going.

On foot all day

MON 21 JUN

Three colors of water.

Rent the car. Balos is the big beach day: pink sand, turquoise shallows, and the lagoon from the trail above. Aim for an early arrival and leave the afternoon free.

Car · ~40 €/day / ~1 h 15 drive + trail walk

TUE 22 JUN

Take the mountain road.

Keep the car for Elafonisi. Shallow water, a pink-tinged sand edge, and a drive through the mountains with a stop around Topolia gorge. Pack a proper lunch.

~1 h 30 drive / Pack lunch

WED 23 JUN

Choose your kind of day.

A · Samaria Gorge - ~10 mi · 5–7 h · arrange transfer
B · Loutro by boat - No-car village · swim, eat, swim
C · Seitan Limania + spa - Beach stop + a slower afternoon

THU 24 JUN

One last swim?

Morning flight to Athens, then connect to Houston. If the flight timing allows, Marathi is close enough to the airport for a final look at the water. Leave a generous connection buffer.

CHQ → ATH · ~50 min / Flight times to confirm

THE CROSSING

Santorini (Athinios) to Heraklion by high-speed ferry, then road transfer to Chania. Allow roughly 2 hours at sea and 2-3 hours on the road; exact schedules, fares and connections are not yet confirmed.

Lock the scarce things first.

A planning checklist to take offline. The website saves checked items and your June 23 choice locally in your browser.

☐	MID JAN	Decide dates and whether to add an Athens night
☐	BY FEB 1	Houston to Athens round trip
☐	BY FEB 1	Athens to Santorini and Chania to Athens flights
☐	BY FEB 15	Firostefani 3 nights + Imerovigli birthday suite
☐	BY MAR 1	Chania hotel · 5 nights
☐	MAR / APR	Ferry on Ferryhopper + onward transfer
☐	APRIL	Catamaran · June 16
☐	APRIL	Rental car · June 21-22
☐	MAY	Photographer · June 18, 7 pm + hair and makeup
☐	2-3 WKS OUT	Birthday sunset table + ask about local panigiria
☐	1 WK OUT	Re-check ferry, download apps, save confirmations

BUDGET / PER PERSON / ESTIMATES

$1.1-1.5K	2.0-2.8K EUR	$5.5-7K
Flights	Hotels	All in

Stay shortlist: Belvedere / Nonis (3 nights), Astra / Kirini View (birthday night), Alcanea / Serenissima (5 nights). Hotel room types and live rates must be checked directly. Food shortlist and current official event links are on the website.

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