DAY 5 OF 10 · TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Happy Birthday George

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PRIVATE VILLA DINNER · FIREPLACE NIGHT · TUSCANY

Today we celebrate **George's 64th Birthday** *— a private dinner at the villa, wines from Antinori and Contucci, and the people who love him most. Make it count.*

TEMP	EVENING	SUNSET	VIBE
12–16°C	Fireplace weather	5:11 PM	Slow & golden

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress Code: Formal

Tonight is formal

This is the night of the trip. A private chef, live music from Anna & Julian, fireworks over Tuscany — nothing casual about it. Dress at wedding dinner party level: evening gowns or cocktail dresses, suits or dress trousers with jackets, dress shoes. Put in the effort — George will.

Wear at least one touch of Italy — green, white, or red

It doesn't need to be the whole flag. A scarf, a pocket square, a hair accessory, earrings, a tie, a blouse, a belt — one piece of clothing or an accessory in green, white, or red. It's a small nod to where we are and who brought us here.

Bring a wrap, stole or elegant layer for after dinner

October evenings at the villa drop to 12°C. If you move to the terrace for fireworks or the karaoke after dinner, you'll want something over your shoulders — keep it elegant.

WHAT TO BRING

Three Things That Matter

- **Your toast — written or in your heart** — We're raising glasses tonight. Something honest, funny, or both. George deserves more than "happy birthday." Think about what you'd want him to hear.
- **Your presence — fully, without your phone** — Photos at the table: yes. Scrolling at the table: no. Tonight's conversation is the gift. Be in the room.
- **Your contribution to the wine table** — If you bought something at Antinori or Contucci on Sunday, this is the night to open it. Bring your bottle to the table. It's better shared.

FOR THE EVENING

Make It Unforgettable

✦ SPECIAL

Light the fireplace early

Whoever is back first: light it. Let it be burning when the group gathers. A fireplace in October at a Tuscan villa is not background — it's the room.

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Set the table together

Even if someone else is cooking, set the table as a group. Put some effort into it — candles, the good glasses, whatever flowers the villa has. It signals this is a real dinner, not a casual meal.

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No agenda after dinner

Let the evening find its own rhythm. Stay at the table as long as it wants to stay alive. Tuscany in October, a fireplace, good wine, and the people you love — there is nowhere else to be.

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Tell the story of how you met George

At some point tonight, go around the table — how did each person first meet George? What's the story? These are the details he doesn't fully know about himself. Give them to him.

"The best birthday gift you can give is your full, undivided, unhurried presence."