

Burgas, Black Sea Coast, Bulgaria

Bulgaria's gateway to the Black Sea puts you steps from a palm-lined Sea Garden, a pink salt lake, and medieval towns that predate Rome. Ships dock right in the city — no tender, no hassle.

Docked (city pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Euro (EUR) since Jan 2026

Language: Bulgarian

Black Sea

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Magazia 1 or East Terminal — no tender

Best For: History day-trips (Nessebar, Sozopol), beaches, easy city walks

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot to Sea Garden and pedestrian streets

Don't Miss: Lake Atanasovsko — the otherworldly pink salt lake north of town

Getting around: Taxi 5–15 BGN (~€3–€8) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Nessebar Old Town (UNESCO)** — A rocky peninsula packed with Byzantine churches, medieval ruins, and 19th-century wooden houses.
 - Sozopol Old Town & Bay** — Cobbled lanes, ancient Apollonia ruins, and a pretty harbour about 34 km south of Burgas.
 - Lake Atanasovsko Pink Salt Lake** — Just north of the port, this hypersaline lake turns vivid pink in summer — a wild, photogenic landscape.
- St. Anastasia Island Boat Trip** — A short ferry from Burgas harbour takes you to a small island with a medieval monastery (founded in the 10th century, restored in the 1800s), a...
 - Burgas City Highlights Walk** — Stroll from the port through the Sea Garden to the Aleksandrovska pedestrian street, the Archaeological Museum, and Saints Cyril and Methodius...

BEST WALKS

- Sea Garden & Central Beach Loop** 2 km • 30-40 min • Easy — From the pier, walk north into the Sea Garden (Morska Gradina) — Bulgaria's largest coastal park.
- Old Town Pedestrian Streets** 1.5 km • 20-30 min • Easy — Head west from the port along Bulair Street into the city centre.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	45°	9d
Jun		78°	63°	13d
Aug		85°	69°	4d
Sep		78°	62°	5d
Oct		67°	52°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:29AM–7:51PM · Jun 5:32AM–8:49PM · Aug 6:17AM–8:11PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:19PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:27PM

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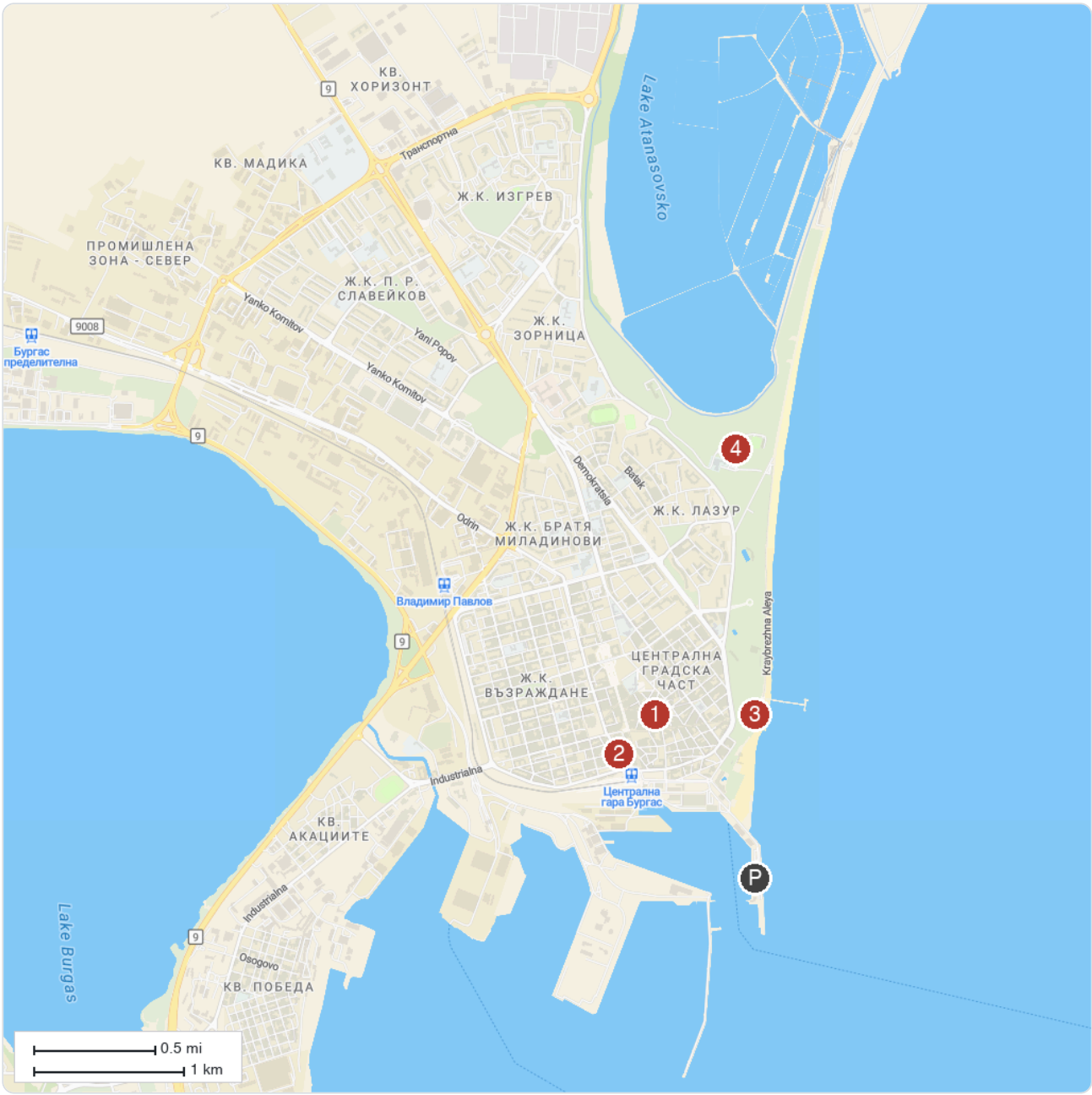
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Euro since 2026: Bulgaria adopted the euro on 1 January 2026. ATMs dispense euros; most places take cards. Keep a little cash for smaller cafes and market stalls.
- Taxi caution: Summer overcharging is well-documented. Use Bolt or Uber (both active in Burgas), or insist the driver starts the meter before you move.
- Book Nessebar early: Nessebar's old town gets very crowded midday in summer. Either get there early or join a ship excursion that guarantees return time.
- Pink lake tip: Lake Atanasovsko is most intensely pink in July–August and early morning. It's free to visit and only 5 km north — worth a quick taxi detour.
- Eat local: Try Black Sea mussels, Shopska salad, and tarator (cold yogurt soup) at a mehana (traditional tavern) on Aleko Bogoridi Street — prices are very reasonable.
- Weather: Burgas calls are mostly July–September when it's hot (28-33°C) and sunny. Bring sunscreen and water — the Sea Garden has shade but the beach is exposed.

Burgas, Black Sea Coast, Bulgaria — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 History Museum Burgas | Burgas's history museum, showcasing local heritage and artifacts. | 2 Biserica Fecioară Maria | Church of the Virgin Mary, a beautiful Orthodox church. |
| 3 The Sea Garden | Burgas's large seaside park with gardens, views, and attractions. | 4 Sand Sculptures | Seasonal exhibition of impressive sand sculptures by artists. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |