

Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedinți, Romania

Gateway to the Iron Gates and site of Emperor Trajan's legendary Danube bridge, this unhurried Romanian city rewards curious cruisers with 2,000 years of history in a single walkable afternoon.

 Pier (river pontoon)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Romanian Leu (RON)  Romanian (some English)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pontoon pier — no tender required

Walk to center: ~10-15 min uphill (800 m)

Best For: Roman history, Danube scenery, unhurried culture

Don't Miss: Trajan's Bridge pillar at the Iron Gates Museum

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  10–20 RON (€2–4) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Iron Gates Region Museum & Trajan's Bridge** — The region's flagship museum holds Roman artifacts and coins, but the real draw is the outdoor archaeology park where you can stand next to the...
- **Medieval Fortress of Severin** — A beautifully restored 13th-century fortress that defended the Danube crossing against Ottoman forces.
- **Water Castle Panorama** — The city's striking 1910 neo-Gothic water tower now serves as an exhibition space and observation point.
- **Iron Gates Gorge Viewing** — Drobeta sits at the eastern end of the Iron Gates (Cazanele Dunării), the Danube's deepest and most dramatic gorge.
- **Danube Cuisine & Local Wine** — Sample the region's Balkan-inflected Romanian cooking: mici (grilled sausages), ciorbă de pește (sour Danube fish soup), and papanashi (fried...

BEST WALKS

- **Roman Ruins to City Center Loop** 3–4 hrs | ~3 km | Easy–moderate (uphill start) — From the pier head east along the riverside path to the Iron Gates Museum and Trajan's Bridge ruins, then double back to the Medieval Fortress of Severin halfway up the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:45AM–8:14PM · Jun 5:43AM–9:16PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:34PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:44PM	
Apr	63°	44°	9d		
Jun	79°	61°	10d		
Aug	84°	66°	6d		
Sep	75°	58°	6d		
Oct	64°	48°	8d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Romanian Lei (RON). Euros aren't accepted at museums or street vendors. ATMs are available in the city center; major credit cards work at cafes and restaurants.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The walk from the pontoon to the upper city involves stairs and a moderate incline. Everything is paved but the uphill stretch catches some passengers off guard.
- Prioritize the museum. The Iron Gates Region Museum (Muzeul Regiunii Porților de Fier) is only 15 minutes east along the river. For \$4, the Trajan's Bridge abutment alone is worth it — there's nothing else like it on the Danube.
- Watch for the Iron Gates gorge from the ship. Whether you transit before or after docking, the narrow gorge with sheer cliffs and the massive Decebalus rock carving on the Romanian bank near Orșova is spectacular from the sun deck.
- Try papanashi for dessert. These fried cottage-cheese doughnuts with sour cream and jam are a Romanian specialty you won't easily find elsewhere. Order one to split — they're enormous.
- Very safe port. Drobeta-Turnu Severin has low crime and is genuinely off the tourist trail. You're free to wander without worry — just watch for uneven cobblestones on the older streets.

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