

Giurgiu, Giurgiu County, Romania

On the Danube's left bank, facing Bulgaria across the famous Friendship Bridge, Giurgiu is your key to Romania — from Bucharest's communist grandeur to Dracula's castles deep in the Carpathians.

Docked (river pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Romanian Leu (RON)

Romanian

History & culture

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Șoseaua Portului river pier — no tendering

Best For: Bucharest day trips, Transylvania excursions, Ottoman history

Walk to center: ~10 min walk to Clock Tower and town center

Don't Miss: Bucharest's Palace of Parliament — the world's 2nd-largest administrative building

Getting around: Taxi 8–12 RON (~€2–3) · Rideshare Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Bucharest City Highlights** — Romania's capital rewards a full day: the colossal Palace of Parliament (world's 2nd-largest administrative building and heaviest building), the...
 - Bran Castle & Brașov** — The Gothic hilltop castle associated with Dracula mythology plus the gorgeous medieval city of Brașov in the Carpathian foothills — a long but...
- Peleș Castle & Sinaia** — The Neo-Renaissance royal summer palace in the Carpathians is Romania's most visited castle — ornate rooms, mountain air, and the elegant resort town...
 - Comana Natural Park & Monastery** — One of Romania's largest wetland reserves, 30 km from Giurgiu.
 - Giurgiu Town Walk: Ottoman Legacy** — Stroll the octagonal old town — a Ottoman defensive design — to the 1771 Clock Tower, Giurgiu Fortress ruins, St.

BEST WALKS

- Port to Old Town Loop** 1.5 km · 20-30 min · Easy — Walk from the port entrance along the Danube promenade to the Clock Tower, then loop through the octagonal central grid past St.
- Danube Promenade & Friendship Bridge View** 2 km · 30 min · Easy — Head south along the riverbank promenade for clear views of the Giurgiu-Rousse Friendship Bridge and the Bulgarian shore.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	45°	10d
Jun		80°	63°	11d
Aug		87°	67°	5d
Sep		79°	59°	4d
Oct		66°	49°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:33AM–7:59PM · Jun 5:33AM–9:00PM · Aug 6:20AM–8:19PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:26PM · Oct 7:30AM–6:32PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Romanian Leu (RON). Exchange or withdraw from ATMs in town. Credit cards accepted in most restaurants. Bulgaria also uses the euro since January 2026.
- Carry your passport. Romania and Bulgaria both fully joined the Schengen Area (land and river borders) on 1 January 2025, ending routine checks at the Giurgiu–Ruse crossing. Keep your passport handy as ID in case of spot checks.
- Book Bucharest excursions through your ship or a pre-arranged transfer. The 60 km drive is straightforward but Bucharest traffic can be heavy — allow 1.5 hrs each way to be safe.
- Book the Palace of Parliament in advance. Entry is by guided tour only; slots fill fast in summer. Check palatulparlamentului.ro for times and tickets.
- Summers are hot. July–August regularly tops 35°C (95°F) on the Danube plain. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat — there's little shade on the promenade.
- Try local Romanian food. Mămăligă (polenta with cheese), sarmale (stuffed cabbage rolls), and Ciuc or Ursus beer are staples. Restaurants near the waterfront are tourist-friendly.

Giurgiu, Giurgiu County, Romania — Port Map

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



1 **Giurgiu Port** Giurgiu Port is a bustling Danube river port.

3 **Art Gallery** View local and national artworks at the Art Gallery.

5 **Pantheon of National Revival Heroes** Honor national heroes at this commemorative Pantheon.

7 **"Sexaginta Prista" Port of the sixty ships fortress** Discover ancient Roman fortress ruins at Sexaginta Prista.

P **Cruise port / terminal**

2 **Museum of urban life Kaliopa House**

Explore Giurgiu's urban life history inside Kaliopa House.

4 **Municipal Tourist Information Center**

Get visitor information and maps at the Tourist Center.

6 **Monument of Liberty**

See the iconic Monument of Liberty in Giurgiu.

8 **Regional Historical Museum**

Learn regional history and culture at this museum.