

Hârsova, Constanța County, Romania

A sleepy Danube town built on Roman ruins, where limestone cliffs tower over the river and horse-drawn carts still share the road. Hârsova rewards curious passengers with 2,000 years of history and an unfiltered glimpse of rural Romanian life.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Romanian Leu (RON)  Romanian (little English spoken)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at riverside pontoon pier; walk straight ashore

Walk to Center: ~10 min (500–800 m flat walk from pier)

Best For: Roman history, geological cliffs, authentic local atmosphere

Don't Miss: Carsium Fortress ruins overlook the Danube from a limestone promontory

 Getting around:  Taxi  5–15 RON (~1–3 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Carsium Fortress Ruins** — Climb the limestone hill to the ruins of the Roman-Byzantine fortress of Carsium, established by Emperor Vespasian in the 1st century AD and...
- **Carsium Museum** — This small local museum displays Roman coins, pottery, bronze tools, and Ottoman-era artifacts excavated from the fortress and surrounding area.
- **Canaralele de la Hârsova — Limestone Cliffs** — A protected geological reserve where 150-million-year-old Jurassic limestone formations rise 30 meters straight from the Danube's edge.
- **Constanța & Black Sea Day Trip** — Shore excursions run about 75 km to Constanța on the Black Sea — Romania's main port city.
- **Histria — Oldest Greek Settlement in Romania** — About 80 km from Hârsova, Histria was founded by Greek colonists from Miletus in the 7th century BC.

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside to Carsium Fortress** 2.5 km round-trip | 45–60 min | Moderate — From the pier, walk along the Danube promenade past local fishermen and the limestone cliff base, then follow paths up through town to the fortress ruins on the hilltop.
- **Town Center Stroll** 1 km loop | 20–30 min | Easy — Walk from the pier along Strada Revoluției through the market, past the Church of St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇷🇴 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	63°	44°	10d		
Jun	80°	63°	11d		
Aug	86°	67°	4d		
Sep	77°	59°	4d		
Oct	65°	49°	6d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Romanian Leu (RON). The museum, small cafés, and market stalls run cash-only. ATMs are available in the town center. Euros are sometimes accepted but at a poor rate.
- Wear sturdy shoes. The path to the Carsium Fortress is unpaved dirt and gravel. The town streets have uneven cobblestones and cracked asphalt — not sandal-friendly.
- Try the local fish. Dobruja cuisine is built around fresh Danube fish — borș de pește (sour fish soup), grilled carp, or zander. Look for small waterfront restaurants or guesthouses for a genuine local lunch.
- Little English here. Romania is EU, so EU roaming data works. Download Google Translate with Romanian for offline use — the camera translation mode is especially handy for menus.
- Set expectations right. Hârsova is a real Romanian small town, not a polished tourist destination. Horse-drawn carts, post-Soviet architecture, and total authenticity are the draw. Embrace it.
- The fortress + museum + cliffs take about 3 hours. Passengers with limited mobility may prefer to stick to the flat riverside promenade and town center, which are accessible from the pier.

Hârsova, Constanța County, Romania — Port Map

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P Cruise port / terminal