

Iron Gate, Danube Gorge, Serbia/Romania

Where the Danube carves through the Carpathians in a spectacular 134 km gorge, passing Roman inscriptions, a medieval fortress, and Europe's largest rock sculpture — all viewed from the sundeck or explored on shore.

-  Pontoon pier (river cruise)
-  Typical call: scenic transit + 4-6 hrs ashore
-  Serbian Dinar / Romanian Leu (€ widely accepted)
-  Serbian / Romanian

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Floating pontoon in Donji Milanovac — direct walkoff, no tender

Walk to center: 5 min to Donji Milanovac town; Golubac Fortress 1 km from pier if stopped there

Best For: Scenic gorge cruising, Roman history, ancient archaeology

Don't Miss: Decebalus rock carving (from ship) and Lepenski Vir Mesolithic site

 Getting around:  Taxi  €5–€15 local trips

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Decebalus Rock Sculpture (from ship)** — At 55 m, the giant stone portrait of Dacian king Decebalus carved into the gorge cliff is the tallest rock sculpture in Europe.
- **Lepenski Vir Archaeological Site** — One of Europe's most important prehistoric sites, dating to 9500–6000 BC.
- **Golubac Fortress** — A breathtaking 14th-century fortification with ten towers stepping down the cliff face into the Danube.
- **Đerdap National Park Hike** — Serbia's largest national park flanks the gorge with dense forest, limestone cliffs, and viewpoints over the narrowest stretch of the Danube.
- **Iron Gate Dam Lock Transit** — A genuine engineering marvel: the ship enters a double-lock chamber and rises or drops 30 m as massive gates open before you.

BEST WALKS

- **Donji Milanovac Waterfront Stroll** 1 km • 15 min • Flat — Walk the riverside promenade from the ship's pontoon through the town center, passing a small park, kafanas (Serbian coffee bars), and views back up the gorge.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	45°	10d
Jun	79°	62°	12d
Aug	84°	67°	6d
Sep	75°	59°	7d
Oct	64°	49°	8d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 5:47AM–7:15PM · Jun 4:46AM–8:17PM · Aug 5:34AM–7:36PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:46AM–5:46PM	
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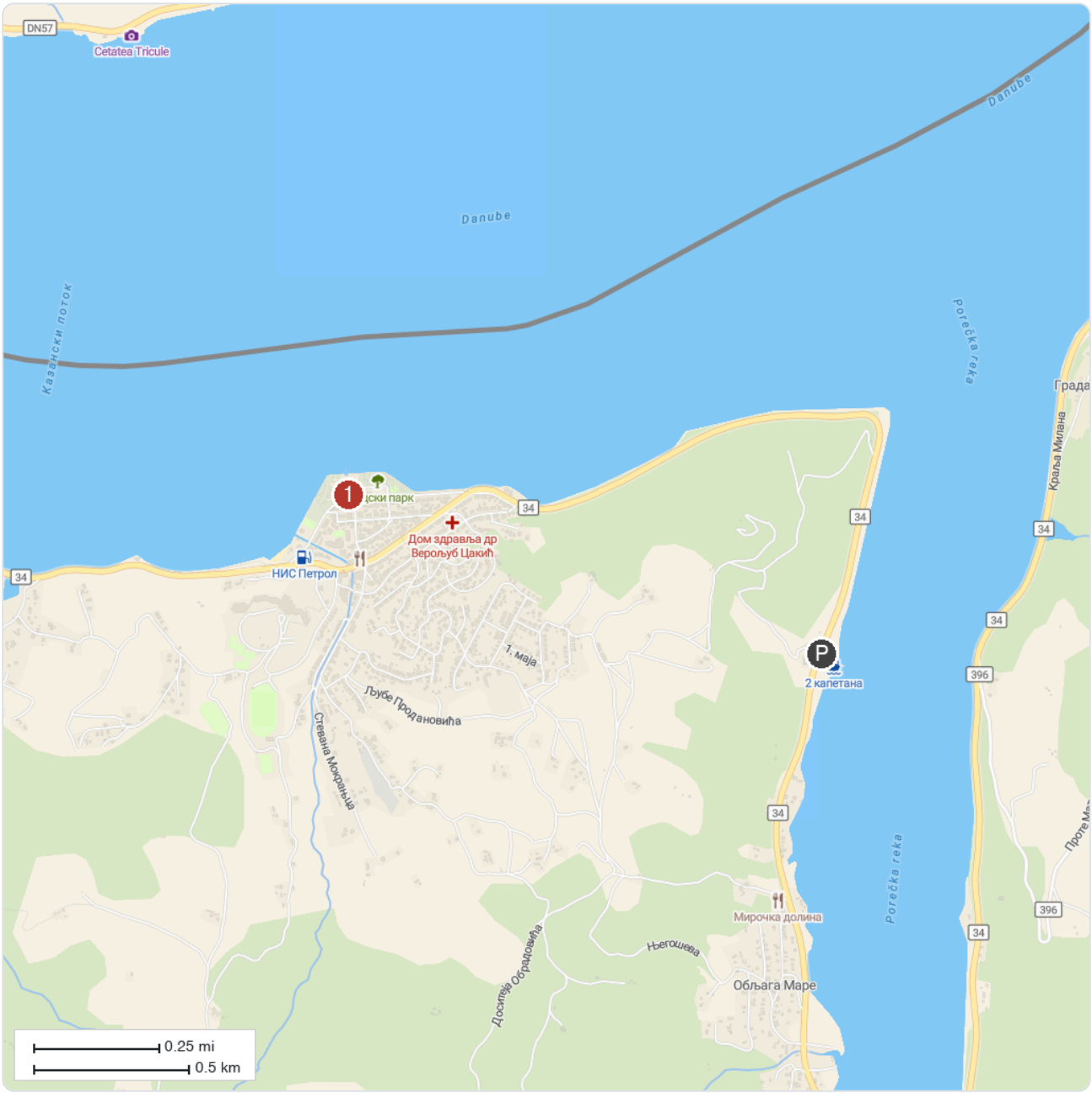
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Turn off mobile data roaming. Your phone will ping-pong between Romanian and Serbian networks in the gorge. Serbia is non-EU — if your plan covers EU roaming, Serbian towers will trigger expensive international charges. Use ship Wi-Fi instead.
- Set an alarm for the gorge transit. Ships often pass the Decebalus carving and Kazan Gorges at 6–9 AM. Check the daily program the night before — missing it is the #1 regret on this cruise.
- Euros are fine for most transactions. Souvenir stalls near Golubac and Lepenski Vir accept euros; so do most tour guides. You won't need Serbian Dinar or Romanian Leu for a short stop.
- Bring a zoom lens or use max zoom. The Tabula Traiana (Roman plaque, Serbia side) and Decebalus carving are at distance — a phone's portrait mode won't cut it. Binoculars also helpful.
- Golubac Fortress is worth a stop on its own. If your itinerary includes it, don't skip — the 2019 restoration is exceptional and the gorge views from the towers are stunning.

Iron Gate, Danube Gorge, Serbia/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.



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Tourist Info Center Donji Milanovac
Get local tourist information and maps here.
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2 Kapetana, krstarenje Dunavom u Đerdapu
This company offers scenic Danube river cruises.
- P

Cruise port / terminal