

Nikopol, Pleven Province, Bulgaria

A quiet Danube town below a fortress hill, Nikopol was a key medieval stronghold of the Second Bulgarian Empire and the site of the 1396 Battle of Nicopolis — today a tranquil river-cruise call into the heart of rural northern Bulgaria.

-  River quay (no tender)
-  Typical call: 4–6 hrs
-  Bulgarian Lev (BGN)
-  Bulgarian
-  Medieval fortress & churches

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay on the Danube waterfront — ships dock directly alongside, no tender required

Best For: Medieval history, Danube fortress views, day trips to Pleven & Veliko Tarnovo

Walk to center: Town center is a few minutes' flat walk from the quay; the fortress is a steep climb above town

Don't Miss: Kaleto / Shishman's Fortress ruins above town and the riverfront Danube views toward Romania

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~BGN 5–15 (~€2.50–€8) within town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kaleto — Shishman's Fortress** — Climb to the ruins of the medieval fortress on the hill above town, built on a Roman and Byzantine core.
- **Battle of Nicopolis Heritage** — Nikopol is famous as the site of the 1396 Battle of Nicopolis, where Sultan Bayezid I's Ottoman army defeated a large...
- **Day Trip to Veliko Tarnovo** — A longer inland excursion (~100 km) to Veliko Tarnovo, the medieval capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire, crowned by...
- **Town Churches & Riverfront** — Explore Nikopol's compact center on foot: medieval and Revival-era Orthodox churches, the small historical museum with...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront to Town Center** 0.8 km · 12 min · Easy — From the quay, follow the Danube waterfront into the compact town center, passing the main square, churches and the small historical...
- **Climb to Kaleto Fortress** 1.5 km · 25 min · Moderate (uphill) — A steeper walk up from town to the Kaleto / Shishman's Fortress ruins on the hill, rewarded with panoramic views over the Danube and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:38AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:37AM–9:03PM · Aug 6:24AM–8:25PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:38PM	
Apr	64°	46°	9d		
Jun	81°	63°	11d		
Aug	87°	68°	5d		
Sep	79°	60°	5d		
Oct	66°	49°	7d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear good shoes: The climb to the Kaleto fortress is steep and the ground is uneven — sturdy footwear helps.
- Currency: Bulgarian Lev (BGN). Cards are accepted in some places, but this is a small town — carry cash for shops, cafés and any small entry fees.
- Language: Bulgarian, written in Cyrillic. English is limited outside cruise-oriented settings, so a translation app is handy.

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