

Oltenița, Călărași County, Romania

A sleepy Danube river town that punches above its weight as Bucharest's cruise gateway — and hides a surprisingly rich Neolithic past in its local museum.

 Pier (river pontoon)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Romanian Leu (RON)

 Language: Romanian

 Gateway to Bucharest

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pontoon pier — no tendering required

Best For: Day trips to Bucharest; Neolithic archaeology

Walk to center: ~1.5–2 km (20–25 min, flat)

Don't Miss: Gumelnița Museum & the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$5–\$10

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Bucharest Full-Day City Tour** — The reason most passengers book this port.
- **Gumelnița Archaeology Museum (Local Stay)** — The crown jewel for those staying in Oltenița.
- **Oltenița Town Walk & St. Nicholas Cathedral** — Walk the flat streets to the town center, visit the traditional Romanian Orthodox St.
- **Romanian Lunch in Town** — Sample authentic Romanian cuisine at local restaurants near Republicii Boulevard.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier to Museum & Cathedral Walk** 3.5 km round trip · ~50 min walk · Flat — Head from the river pier along the main road into town, pass the distinctive early-20th-century Water Tower, continue to St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	45°	9d
Jun		80°	63°	12d
Aug		86°	67°	5d
Sep		78°	59°	4d
Oct		65°	49°	7d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:30AM–7:57PM · Jun 5:29AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:17AM–8:17PM · Sep 6:52AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:29PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Romanian Lei (RON), not Euros. Romania is in the EU but does not use the Euro. Local shops, the museum, and most cafes require RON. ATMs are in the town center (~1.5 km from...)
- Bucharest excursion is the main event. If it's your first time in Romania and the ship offers a Bucharest day trip, take it — the port town itself is limited for tourism.
- Don't count on taxis at the pier. Taxis rarely queue at the pontoon. Walk into town to find one, or arrange with your ship. Uber/Bolt apps work in Romania but connectivity may be...

Oltenița, Călărași 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.



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Danube river park A scenic park along the Danube River.
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Museum Of Danube Fishing & Boatbuilding Museum showcasing Danube fishing and boatbuilding history.
- 3

Great Park Oltenița Oltenița's main park, perfect for relaxation.
- 4

Water tower An iconic historic water tower offering city views.
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Ribarska mahala - Posetitelски centar Visitor center in a historic fisherman's quarter.
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History Museum of Tutrakan History museum across the Danube in Tutrakan, Bulgaria.
- P

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