

Oriahovo, Vratsa Province, Bulgaria

A peaceful Bulgarian river town where the Danube meets the Vratsa foothills — Oriahovo punches above its size with a 19th-century church, fortress ruins, and world-class excursions to Belogradchik's otherworldly rock formations just an hour away.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 4–6 hrs  Currency: Euro (EUR) since Jan 2026  Bulgarian

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pier — ships moor directly at the Oriahovo quay

Walk to center: ~5 min on foot from the pier to the town center

Best For: Authentic Bulgarian small-town atmosphere, history excursions

Don't Miss: St. George's Church (1837) and the Kamaka Fortress ruins west of town

 Getting around:  Taxi  €1.50–2.50

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Belogradchik Rocks & Fortress** — Marvel at one of Bulgaria's most dramatic landscapes — ancient red sandstone formations rising up to 200 m, integrated with a well-preserved medieval...
- **Pleven Epopee 1877 Panorama** — The Siege of Pleven was a pivotal battle in Bulgaria's liberation from Ottoman rule.
- **Magura Cave** — One of Bulgaria's largest and most impressive caves, famous for its stalactites, stalagmites, and ancient cave paintings.
- **Oriahovo Town Walk & St. George's Church** — Explore Oriahovo's compact historic core.
- **Kamaka Fortress Ruins** — About 600 m–1 km west of downtown, the ruins of the Kamaka Fortress are remnants of the First Bulgarian State's northern defense network, with a...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverside to Town Center** 1 km · 20 min · Easy — Follow the Danube promenade from the cruise pier into the town center.
- **Town Center to Kamaka Fortress** 2 km round-trip · 45 min · Easy-moderate — Walk west from the town center to the Kamaka Fortress ruins.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash. Bulgaria uses the euro since January 2026. ATMs in Oriahovo are limited — withdraw cash at a previous port or ask your ship's reception.
- Short calls — book excursions early. Oriahovo calls are typically 4–6 hours. If you want to reach Belogradchik or Pleven, book ship-organized tours in advance as they fill quickly.
- Comfortable shoes for excursions. Belogradchik Fortress and Kamaka ruins involve climbing on uneven rocky terrain — sturdy footwear is essential.
- Hot summers, cool springs. Danube cruises call here mostly May–October. Summer days can reach 35°C — bring water and sunscreen for any walking excursion.
- Ferry to Romania. The Oriahovo–Bechet ferry crosses to Romania and is used by locals and truckers, not cruise passengers. It's visible from the quay but not a practical shore trip.
- Try local Bulgarian wine. The Danube region produces excellent wines. Many ship dinners and excursion stops around Pleven offer tastings — worth seeking out.

Oriahovo, Vratsa Province, Bulgaria — 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** **Oriahovo History Museum** Small town museum covering the Danube river-trading history and 19th-century National Revival period of Oriahovo.

- P** **Cruise port / terminal**