

Varna, Black Sea Coast, Bulgaria

The 'Pearl of the Black Sea' packs 6,000 years of history — from Thracian gold that predates the pyramids to golden-sand beaches — all within easy reach of a docking berth a short stroll from the Sea Garden.

-  Docked (pier)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Bulgarian Lev (BGN)
-  Bulgarian (Cyrillic); English widely spoken
-  Black Sea beaches

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Varna East Passenger Terminal; most ships dock, NCL occasionally tenders

Best For: History buffs, beach days, affordable local dining

Walk to center: 15-20 min on foot; Sea Garden starts 2-3 min from pier

Don't Miss: Gold of Varna at the Archaeological Museum — oldest gold treasure on Earth (4600 BC)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €2-4 ·  **Rideshare**  not available ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Gold of Varna & Archaeological Museum** — The Varna Necropolis treasure (4600-4200 BC) is the oldest worked gold ever found — predating the Egyptian pyramids by...
- **Roman Thermae** — The 4th-largest surviving Roman baths in Europe, built in the late 2nd century AD.
- **Aladzha Rock Monastery** — A medieval cave monastery carved into 40-metre limestone cliffs, about 15 km north of the port.
- **Golden Sands Beach Resort** — Bulgaria's famous resort strip 17 km north — 3.5 km of fine golden sand with beach bars, water sports, and sunbed...
- **Balchik Palace & Botanical Garden** — Queen Marie of Romania's whimsical summer residence perched on white chalk cliffs, 45 km north of Varna, surrounded by...

BEST WALKS

- **Sea Garden to Cathedral** 2.5 km | ~30-35 min | Flat to gentle uphill — Exit the terminal into the Sea Garden (Morska Gradina), Bulgaria's grandest coastal park.
- **Roman Thermae Loop** 1.5 km | ~20 min | Easy — A short walk from the pier through the old town to the Roman Thermae — the largest ancient building in Bulgaria.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:26AM-7:51PM · Jun 5:28AM-8:49PM · Aug 6:14AM-8:10PM · Sep 6:48AM-7:18PM · Oct 7:22AM-6:25PM	
Apr	60°	46°	0d		
Jun	79°	64°	1d		
Aug	86°	69°	0d		
Sep	78°	62°	0d		
Oct	68°	53°	1d		

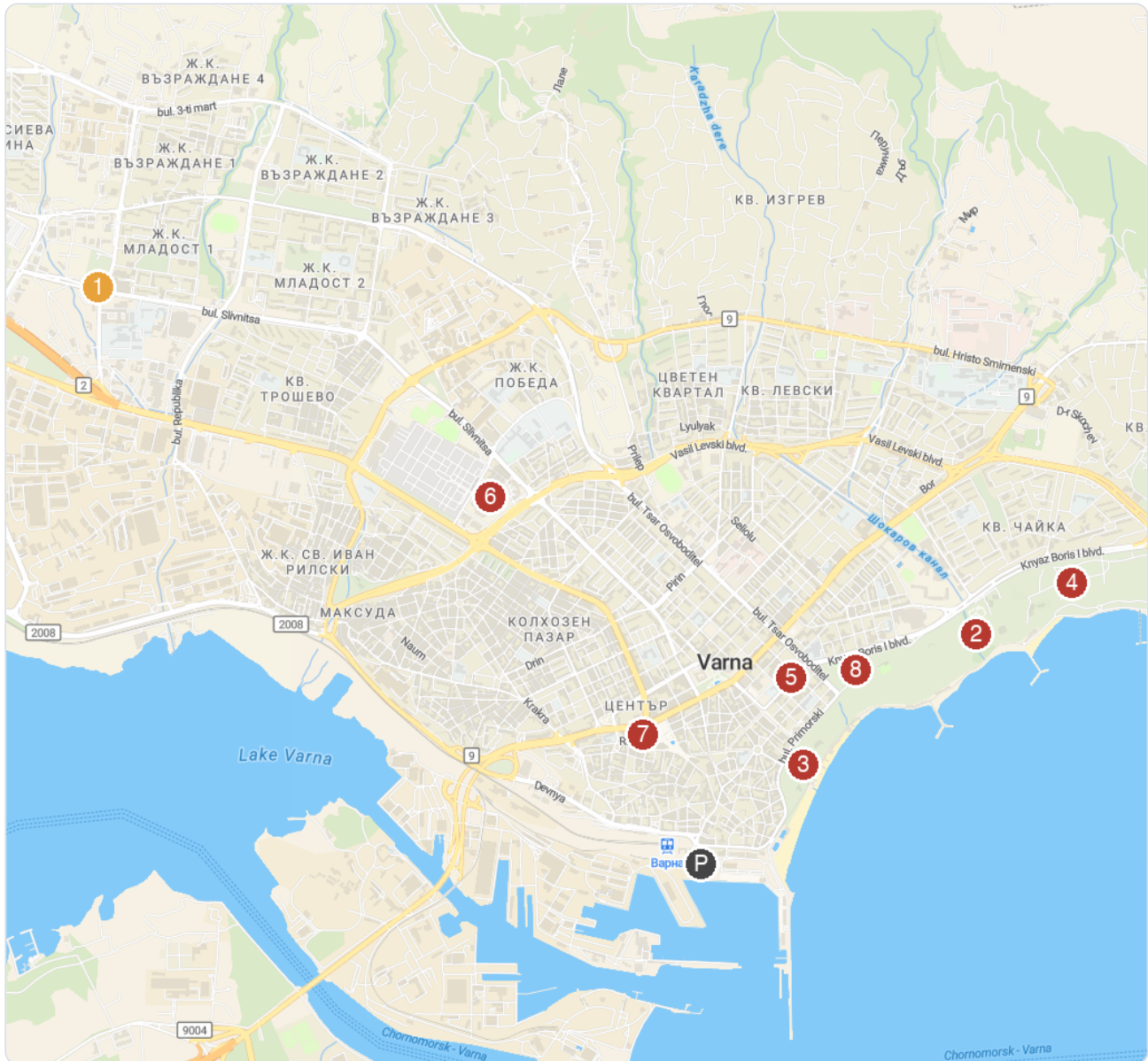
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use BGN, not euros. Bulgaria is in the EU but not the eurozone. ATMs in the city center dispense Bulgarian Lev. Cards are accepted widely. but carry some cash for beach chairs...

Varna, Black Sea Coast, 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.



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| 1 Park Museum „Vladislav Varnenchik“ | Museum and park commemorating the 1444 Battle of Varna. | 2 Varna Zoo | Home to various animals, a popular Varna zoo. |
| 3 Public Astronomical Observatory & Planetarium Nicolaus Copernicus | Observe stars and planets at this public observatory and planetarium. | 4 Dolphinarium Varna | Watch live dolphin shows and marine animal performances. |
| 5 Graffit Gallery | Modern art gallery showcasing contemporary Bulgarian and international artists. | 6 Retro Museum | Museum showcasing Bulgarian life and artifacts from the socialist era. |
| 7 Clock Tower of Varna | Historic 19th-century clock tower, a Varna city landmark. | 8 DETSKI KAT VARNA | Children's amusement park with rides, games, and playgrounds. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |