

Vidin, Northwest Bulgaria, Bulgaria

One of the oldest towns on the Bulgarian Danube, Vidin packs Roman ruins, a perfectly preserved medieval castle, and Ottoman mosques into a flat, strollable riverfront — all steps from the dock.

Docked (river pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Bulgarian Lev (BGN)

Bulgarian (Cyrillic)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier on the Danube — no tender required

Best For: Medieval history, Ottoman architecture, local wine

Walk to center: 5–10 min to Bdin Square; 15 min to Baba Vida Fortress

Don't Miss: Baba Vida Fortress and the heart-topped minaret of the Pazvantoğlu Mosque

Getting around: **Taxi** 3–5 BGN (~€1.50–2.50) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Baba Vida Fortress** — Bulgaria's only fully intact medieval castle, built on Roman foundations in the 10th century.
 - Belogradchik Rocks & Fortress** — 50 km inland, bizarre red sandstone rock formations tower over an ancient Roman fortress built directly into the cliffs.
 - Pazvantoğlu Mosque & the Heart Minaret** — This late 18th-century Ottoman mosque is unique in the Islamic world — its minaret is topped with a heart, not a...
- Jules Pascin Cultural Center (Restored Synagogue)** — The second-largest synagogue in Bulgaria, beautifully restored in 2023 as a cultural center honoring modernist painter...
 - Bulgarian Wine & River Fish Lunch** — Vidin sits in Bulgaria's premier Gamza wine region.

BEST WALKS

- Danube Embankment to Baba Vida Loop** 2.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy — From the pier, walk north through Danube Park to Baba Vida Fortress.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	65°	47°	9d
Jun	82°	64°	10d
Aug	87°	68°	5d
Sep	78°	60°	5d
Oct	65°	49°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:45AM–8:12PM · Jun 5:45AM–9:12PM · Aug 6:32AM–8:32PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:43AM–6:44PM

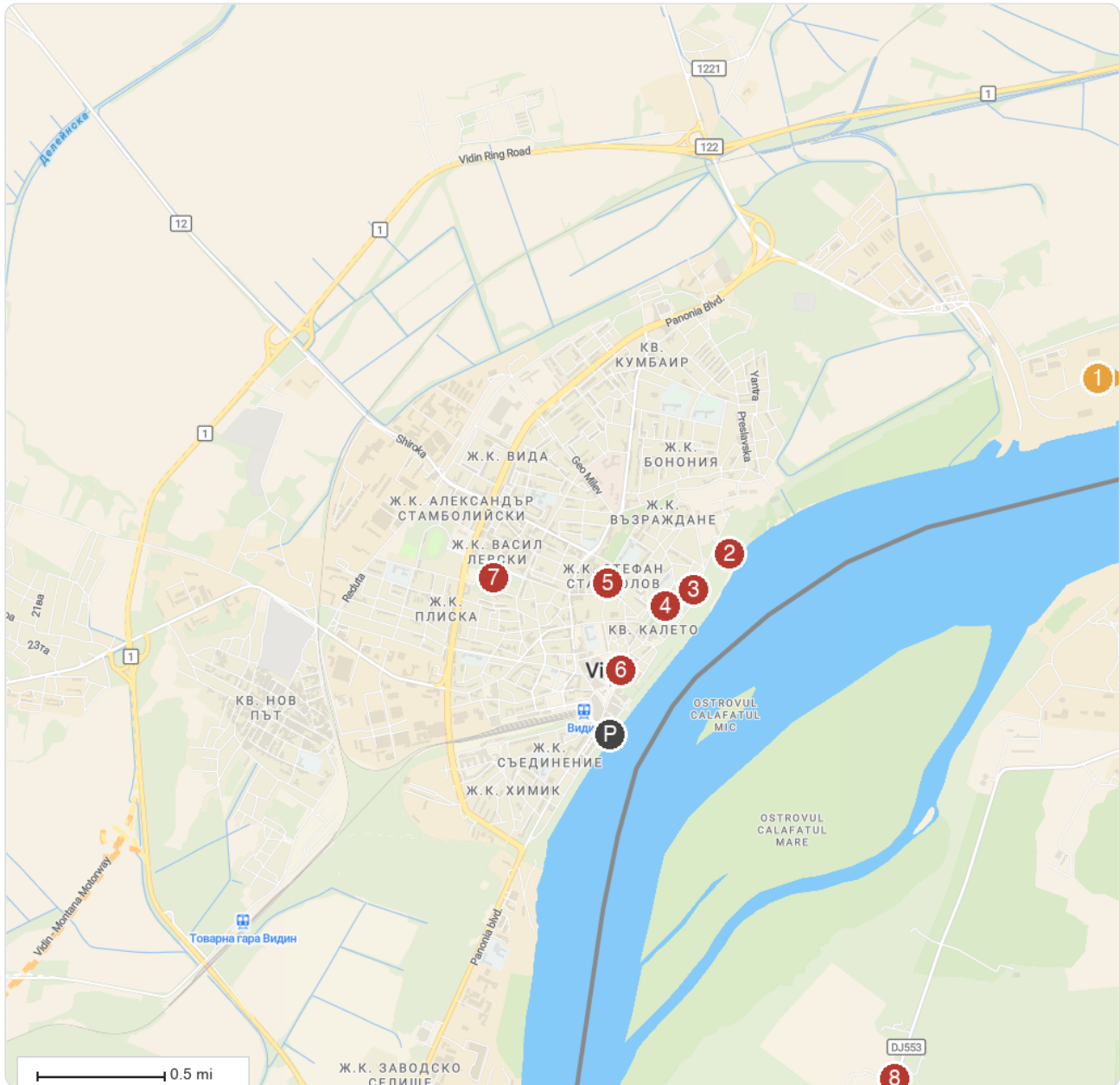
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Lev cash. Bulgaria is not in the Eurozone. Museum tickets, small cafes, and souvenir stalls require Bulgarian Lev (BGN). ATMs are near Bdin Square; the exchange rate at ATMs...
- Belogradchik needs time. The rock fortress is 50 km inland — only realistic if your call is 7+ hours. Book a ship excursion or arrange a taxi/driver in advance; the ride is ~50...
- Try Gamza wine. This region produces one of Bulgaria's most distinctive reds from the indigenous Gamza grape — light-bodied,

Vidin, Northwest Bulgaria, 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 Sunny Beach Bascov | Not a Vidin attraction; Bascov is in Romania. | 2 Baba Vida Fortress | Vidin's medieval fortress, a historic landmark. |
| 3 The Cultural centre "Jules Pascin" / Vidin Synagogue | Historic Vidin Synagogue, now a cultural center. | 4 "The Cross Barracks" Museum | 18th-century Ottoman barracks, now a history museum. |
| 5 Pazar Kapiya | Historic Ottoman city gate of Vidin. | 6 Stambol gate | Another historic Ottoman city gate of Vidin. |
| 7 Парк "Владикина Бахча" | Vidin's beautiful Vladikina Bahcha city park. | 8 Taverna Pescarilor | Riverside restaurant serving traditional Bulgarian cuisine. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |