

Giurgiulești, Cahul District, Moldova

Europe's least-visited country has one port — and it's here, at the precise spot where Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine converge on the Danube. Industrial by nature, extraordinary by geography.

 Pier (direct docking)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Moldovan Leu (MDL)

 Romanian & Russian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Giurgiulești International Free Port (GIFP) — ships dock directly

Best For: Geopolitical curiosity, Moldovan wine & food, Lower Prut wetlands, river scenery

Walk to center: ~1.5 km to Giurgiulești village; free roaming in the port zone is restricted

Don't Miss: Lake Belevu pelican colony, Cahul spa town, tripoint border view, plăcinte pastries

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$12–\$15 USD

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Lake Belevu & Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** — About 25 minutes north, Lake Belevu is a stunning wetland reserve home to vast flocks of Dalmatian pelicans, white...
sanatoriums now repurposed...
- Văleni Folk Village & Eurovision Fame** — The village of Văleni, home to the famous grandmother who performed with Zdob și Zdub at Eurovision 2005, welcomes...
- Gagauzia — Orthodox Turkic Autonomous Region** — A remarkable cultural anomaly: the Gagauz people are Orthodox Christian and Turkic-speaking.
- Cahul Spa Town** — About an hour north (~50 km), Cahul is known for its thermal mineral springs and Soviet-era
- Trajan's Wall Wine Region Tasting** — The Valul lui Traian wine region surrounding the port produces robust reds — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Rara Neagră...

BEST WALKS

- Giurgiulești Village Stroll** 1.5 km · Easy · Flat — From the port gate, the village of Giurgiulești is a short drive or a flat 15-minute walk along the main road (traffic permitting).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	45°	9d
Jun	80°	64°	11d
Aug	86°	67°	4d
Sep	77°	59°	4d
Oct	64°	48°	5d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:22AM–7:53PM · Jun 5:18AM–8:57PM · Aug 6:08AM–8:14PM · Sep 6:45AM–7:17PM · Oct 7:23AM–6:21PM

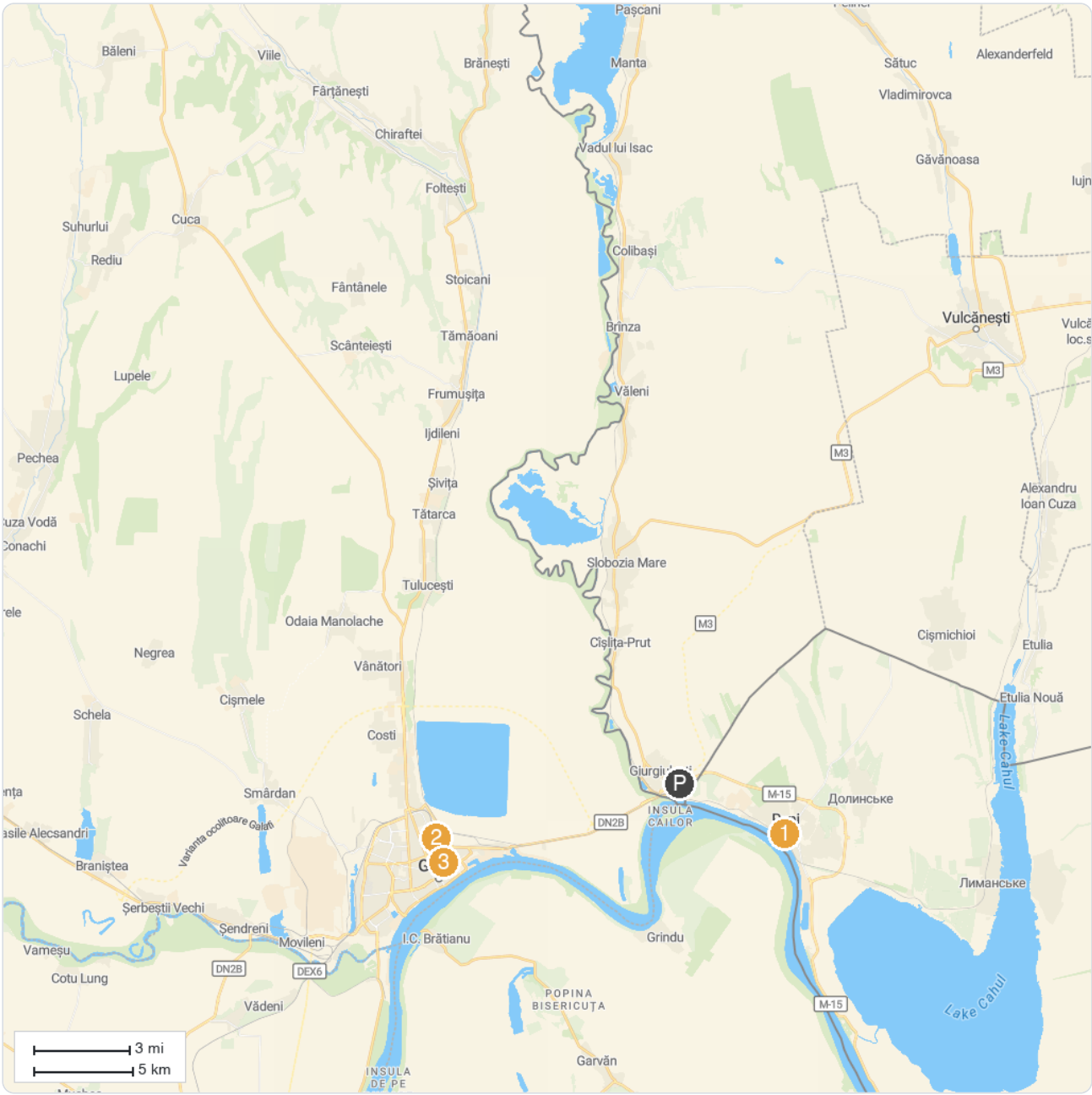
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Passport mandatory. Moldova is not Schengen — you must clear passport control at the port gate. Bring the original document, not a copy.
- No photos of security. Do not photograph border checkpoints, military, police, or port infrastructure. This is enforced at an active international border.

Giurgiuleşti, Cahul District, Moldova — 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

Tsentr Kul'tury I Dozvillya Reniys'koyi Mis'koyi Rady

It's the local cultural and leisure center.
- 2

Grădina Publică

A pleasant public park for relaxation.
- 3

Cuza Voda Memorial House

It's a memorial house dedicated to Prince Cuza Voda.
- P

Cruise port / terminal