

Nikopol, Pleven Province, Bulgaria

A quiet Danube town below a fortress hill, Nikopol was a key medieval stronghold of the Second Bulgarian Empire and the site of the 1396 Battle of Nicopolis — today a tranquil river-cruise call into the heart of rural northern Bulgaria.

- River quay (no tender)
- Typical call: 4–6 hrs
- Bulgarian Lev (BGN)
- Bulgarian
- Medieval fortress & churches

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River quay on the Danube waterfront — ships dock directly alongside, no tender required

Best For: Medieval history, Danube fortress views, day trips to Pleven & Veliko Tarnovo

Walk to center: Town center is a few minutes' flat walk from the quay; the fortress is a steep climb above town

Don't Miss: Kaleto / Shishman's Fortress ruins above town and the riverfront Danube views toward Romania

Getting around: **Taxi** ~BGN 5–15 (~€2.50–€8) within town

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kaleto — Shishman's Fortress** — Climb to the ruins of the medieval fortress on the hill above town, built on a Roman and Byzantine core.
- **Battle of Nicopolis Heritage** — Nikopol is famous as the site of the 1396 Battle of Nicopolis, where Sultan Bayezid I's Ottoman army defeated a large...
- **Day Trip to Veliko Tarnovo** — A longer inland excursion (~100 km) to Veliko Tarnovo, the medieval capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire, crowned by...
- **Town Churches & Riverfront** — Explore Nikopol's compact center on foot: medieval and Revival-era Orthodox churches, the small historical museum with...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront to Town Center** 0.8 km · 12 min · Easy — From the quay, follow the Danube waterfront into the compact town center, passing the main square, churches and the small historical...
- **Climb to Kaleto Fortress** 1.5 km · 25 min · Moderate (uphill) — A steeper walk up from town to the Kaleto / Shishman's Fortress ruins on the hill, rewarded with panoramic views over the Danube and...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	46°	9d
Jun	81°	63°	11d
Aug	87°	68°	5d
Sep	79°	60°	5d
Oct	66°	49°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:38AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:37AM–9:03PM · Aug 6:24AM–8:25PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:32PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:38PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear good shoes: The climb to the Kaleto fortress is steep and the ground is uneven — sturdy footwear helps.
- Currency: Bulgarian Lev (BGN). Cards are accepted in some places, but this is a small town — carry cash for shops, cafés and any small entry fees.
- Language: Bulgarian, written in Cyrillic. English is limited outside cruise-oriented settings, so a translation app is handy.

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A detailed map of Turnu Măgurele, Romania. The map shows a network of streets, including Strada Mihai Eminescu, Strada Traian, Strada Mircea Vodă, Strada Gnyfel, Strada Primăverii, Strada Coștanilor, Strada 1 Decembrie, Strada Pompienilor, Strada Victoriei, Strada Oluz, Strada Luncii, Strada Tudor Maiorescu, Strada Cuza Vodă, Strada Ion Creangă, Strada 1907, Strada Anul 1907, Strada Ghicellor, Strada Popilor, Strada Calșilor, Strada Primăverii, and Strada de Centură. Key landmarks include the Cinema Flacăra (marked with a red '1'), Hotel Turris, SLN CAFE, Profi, Lăcătușu, Eddy, and Spitalul Municipal Turnu Măgurele. The map also shows the location of Turnu Măgurele station and the Lidl supermarket. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 0.1 mi and 0.25 km.

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