

Ruse, Northern Bulgaria, Bulgaria

Called 'Little Vienna' for its grand 19th-century facades, Ruse sits on the Danube with a walkable city centre just minutes from the pontoon — plus UNESCO rock churches a short drive inland.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Bulgarian Lev (BGN)

Bulgarian (Cyrillic)

History & architecture

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier at central passenger quay — no tender required

Best For: Architecture lovers, history buffs, UNESCO day trips

Walk to centre: 10-15 min (~800 m) from quay to Freedom Square

Don't Miss: Ivanovo Rock-Hewn Churches UNESCO site, 20 km south

🚗 Getting around: **Taxi** ~8–12 BGN (~€4–6) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Ivanovo Rock-Hewn Churches (UNESCO)** — Chapels and monasteries carved into the cliffs of Rusenski Lom Nature Park, featuring vivid 14th-century frescoes.
 - Sexaginta Prista Roman Fortress** — Open-air ruins of a Roman naval fortress ('Sixty Ships') just a 5-minute walk from the ship.
 - Freedom Square & Old Town Walk** — Self-guided stroll through Ruse's finest Neo-Baroque streetscapes — the
- Monument of Liberty, Dohodno Zdanie theatre...

 - Regional Historical Museum** — Housed in the former Battenberg Palace, this museum holds the Borovo Treasure — a stunning Thracian silver feast set...
 - Basarbovo Cave Monastery** — The only active cave monastery in Bulgaria, built directly into the limestone cliffs of the Rusenski Lom river valley...

BEST WALKS

- Quay to Freedom Square Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Mostly flat — The essential Ruse introduction: follow the riverside promenade north through Pridunavski Park, turn onto Aleksandrovska Street and...
- Old Town Architecture Loop** 2.5 km · 35 min · Easy — From Freedom Square, loop through the backstreets past the Regional Historical Museum on Alexander Battenberg Square, the underground...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	64°	45°	10d
Jun	80°	63°	12d
Aug	87°	67°	5d
Sep	78°	59°	6d
Oct	66°	49°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:33AM–7:59PM · Jun 5:33AM–9:00PM · Aug 6:20AM–8:19PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:26PM · Oct 7:30AM–6:32PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bulgaria uses the Lev (BGN), not the Euro. Cards are widely accepted at restaurants and shops, but carry some cash for church donations, market stalls and public toilets.

Ruse, Northern 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 Giurgiu Port | Giurgiu Port is a major Romanian port on the Danube. | 2 Museum of urban life Kaliopa House | Kaliopa House is a museum showcasing Ruse's 19th-century urban life. |
| 3 Art Gallery | The Art Gallery displays Bulgarian and international fine art. | 4 Municipal Tourist Information Center | The Tourist Information Center provides maps and local visitor advice. |
| 5 Monument of Liberty | The Monument of Liberty commemorates Bulgaria's liberation from Ottoman rule. | 6 "Sexaginta Prista" Port of the sixty ships fortress | Sexaginta Prista is an ancient Roman fortress ruins by the Danube. |
| 7 Pantheon of National Revival Heroes | The Pantheon is a mausoleum honoring Bulgarian National Revival figures. | 8 Regional Historical Museum | The Regional Historical Museum covers Ruse's history and archaeology. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |