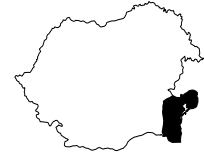


# Northern Dobrogea



Northern Dobrogea is undeniably a kingdom unto itself within Romania. Despite their lack of prevailing Romanian icons (breath-taking mountains, ancient churches, the undead), the Danube River (Râul Dunărea) and the Black Sea coast (Marea Neagră) contain offerings ranging from all nature to *au natural*. The 193.5km coastline (*litoral*) attracts waves of wildlife and party animals alike. Equally, those seeking waterfront seclusion, archaeological stimulation and overwhelming numbers of exotic birds won't be disappointed.

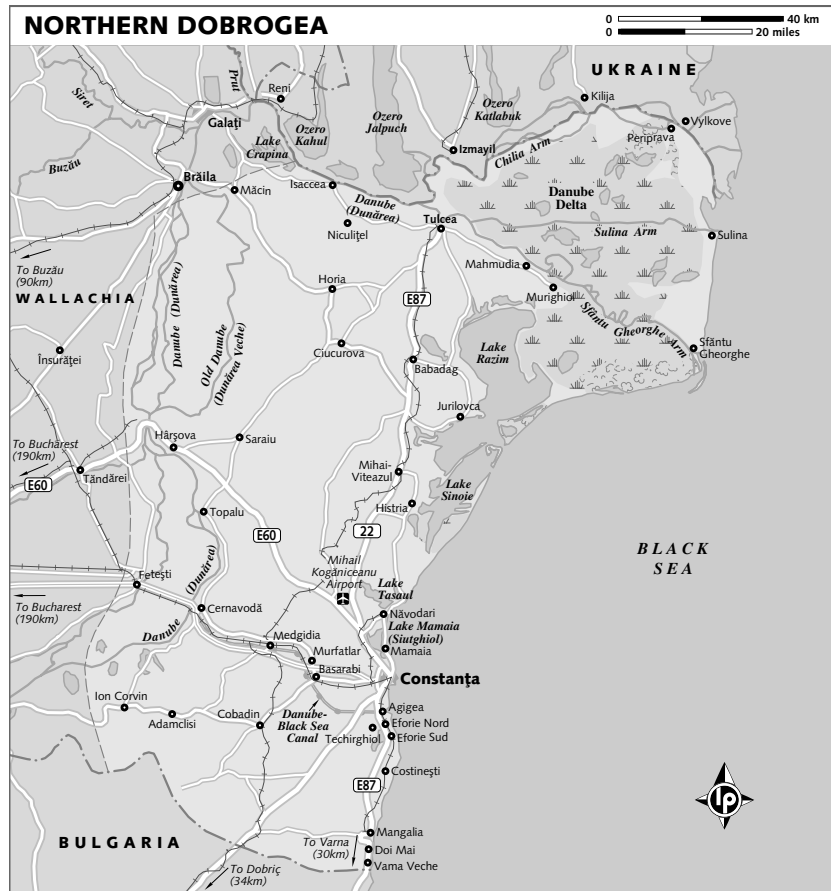
Though widely considered to be the least 'Romanian' part of the country, ironically, this is where the strongest evidence of Romania's conspicuously proud connection to ancient Rome is found in the form of statues, busts, sarcophagi and other archaeological finds. The cultural distance from the rest of Romania can be partially explained by the unusually broad ethnic diversity in the area. Sizeable Turkish, Tatar, Bulgarian, Ukrainian and Lippovani/Old Believer settlements add to the mix, giving the area a refreshing burst of multiculturalism and the traveller a gratifying selection of cuisines.

History and culture notwithstanding, marine life still rules supreme here, despite tenacious attempts by humans to usurp the crown. On one hand we have the 65km stretch south of Mamaia where humans converge in beach resort towns to soothe their bodies with sunshine and curative mud. These restorative pursuits are then promptly annulled hours later by gluttonous feasts and some of the wildest clubbing in the country. Alternately, the calming and notably less opulent Danube Delta draws bird-lovers and seekers of solitude. A fantastic, tangled network of ever-eroding canals, riverbeds and wetlands in Europe's second-largest delta boasts remote fishing villages and stretches of deserted beach, where the pelicans are abundant and the fish are nervous.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Test the limits of sun, carousing and your beach modesty around **Mamaia** (p294)
- Disregard prudence and wallow in stinky mud in **Eforie Nord** (p296)
- Relive ancient Rome in **Histria** (p300)
- Know the sound of thousands of pelicans in the canals and lakes of the **Danube Delta** (p302)
- Visit a tranquil fishing village such as **Sfântu Gheorghe** (p308)





## HISTORY

In 1878 Northern Dobrogea became part of Romania when a combined Russo-Romanian army defeated the Turks in Bulgaria. Southern Dobrogea was ceded to Bulgaria.

In antiquity the Dobrogea region was colonised first by the Greeks and then by the Romans, both of whom left behind much for visitors to admire. Histria, the oldest Greek settlement in Romania, was founded in 657 BC. From AD 46, Dobrogea was the Roman province of Moesia Inferior. At Adamclisi (Tropaeum Trajani) the Romans scored a decisive victory over the Geto-Dacian tribes, thus expanding into regions north of the Danube. Dobrogea later fell under Byzantine control and in 1418 was conquered by the Turks.

Once Romanian flags flew over Dobrogea, much was done to integrate it to the 'mainland' as soon as possible, and with the completion of the formidable bridge over the Danube at Cernavodă (1895), a vital rail link was established between Constanța and the capital. At this time, the coast started to develop as a summer leisure destination; to this day, summer tourism is the backbone of the region's economy.

## ECOLOGY Litoral Beaches

There are no Blue Flag beaches here, though this is more a matter of bureaucracy and finances than cleanliness, as many beaches meet the 27 criteria (see [www.blueflag.org](http://www.blueflag.org)

.uk). Beaches in northern Mamaia are judged to be quite clean and the ones closer to the Bulgarian border benefit from good water circulation. The beaches in southern Mamaia are among the least clean of the *litoral* – they are overcrowded and several big hotels discharge used pool water here. Beaches at Eforie Nord and Costinești are gearing up to install waste-water management systems driven by EU funding. Meanwhile, a recycling collection program is in the works to help deal with the sizable quantity of beach trash.

Fifteen first-aid points were set up along the coast in 2003, staffed by volunteers, ensuring greater beach safety. Some 50 lifeguards are on duty in Mamaia alone.

Generally, swimming in the Black Sea is pleasant: there are no undercurrents to worry about, the sands are fine and golden, and water salinity is a decent 17‰.

**Mare Nostrum** (☎ 0341-407 432; [www.marenostrum.ro](http://www.marenostrum.ro); Str George Enescu 32) is an NGO dedicated to promoting ecotourism and a greater awareness of environmental issues in the area, including actively working to keep the beaches and waters clean.

**GESS** (☎ 0213-124 051; [mihai.baciu@gess.ro](mailto:mihai.baciu@gess.ro), [gess@home.ro](mailto:gess@home.ro)) is an ecological group headquartered in Mangalia whose mandate is to study ecology, marine biology and cave biology, as well as to promote awareness of ecological issues. It's an excellent source of information about these matters as well as info on diving options along the coast.

## Danube Delta

The delta's ecosystems have been much maligned by humans, starting with the shortening of the Sulina canal at the end of the 19th century. In the decades following, dozens of small canals were dug throughout the region in an attempt to increase fish stocks and to facilitate transport. Frenzied reed cutting during the communist period disturbed the natural filtering process that reeds have for the river as well as unbalancing the habitat for birds, fish and insects. In addition to this, dams were built, which destroyed bird nesting grounds; sections of the delta were drained for agriculture; and exotic birds were enthusiastically hunted. Sadly, human meddling has irrevocably changed the delta. Whereas in the early 1900s there were 10 to 15 million birds in the region, there are now less than half a million.

Many strides have been made in the last decade. Pollution has been reduced and reed cutting has been vastly curbed. Ecotourism is continuing to develop as tourist options become more ecofriendly.

The headquarters of the **Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve** (DDBR; ☎ 240-518 945; [arbdb@ddbra.ro](mailto:arbdb@ddbra.ro); Str Portului 34A) is in Tulcea. The **Danube Delta Research Institute** (DDNI; ☎ 240-531 550; [www.indd.tim.ro](http://www.indd.tim.ro); Str Babadag 165), also in Tulcea, is a good source of information.

## BLACK SEA COAST & LITTORAL

### CONSTANȚA

☎ 241, 341 / pop 314,490

Constanța is the gateway to Romania's seaside activities. Romanians and tourists alike arrive by the train- and bus-load all summer. Sharp annual price hikes have made a trip here fairly expensive, even by Western European standards, though staying in private homes, camping or cramming into hotel rooms can ease expenses. However, with minor planning, an affordable visit can be easily arranged that will effectively pacify one's need for sun, water sports and life-threatening amounts of clubbing.

While much of Romania's largest port and third-largest city is adorned with the familiar wide boulevards and piles of concrete, there are equal parts that evoke romantic notions of ancient seafarers, the Roman poet Ovid and even the classic legend of Jason and the Argonauts (they fled here from King Aietes). Constanța's original name, Tomis, means 'cut to pieces' – a reference to Jason's beloved Medea, who cut up her brother Apsyrtus and threw the pieces into the sea near the present-day city.

Emperor Constantine fortified and developed the city and later renamed it after his sister. By the 8th century the city had been destroyed by invading Slavs and Avars. After Constanța was taken by Romania in 1877, the town grew in importance, with a railway line being built to it from Bucharest. By the early 1900s it was a fashionable seaside resort frequented by European royalty.

The city beaches are more polluted than those in the resorts to the north and south, and areas away from the beach. Constanța





from each other by plants, making you feel like you're in a private garden, only one with doting waiters! The pizza, pasta, meat, fish and veggie dishes are delicious and the dessert menu irresistible. No credit cards.

**Pizzaco** (Map p290; ☎ 615 555; Piața Ovidiu 7; mains €3-5; ☎ 24hr) While wood-fired pizza is their bread and butter, the menu also offers truffles, pasta, Buffalo wings, fish, salads and an inexpensive wine list, lovingly pieced together by the fixated sommelier-owner. The terrace allows for ample people watching on the *piața*.

**our pick Casa Tărănească** (Map p290; ☎ 665 606; Str Negru Voda 9; mains €3.50-7; ☎ 24hr) This traditional restaurant stays open day and night, offering such Romanian comfort food as *sarmale*, *ciorbă*, *mămăliță*, knuckle of pork and, um, 'bear with wild sauce' (we dare you). Tourists and locals alike flock here for group outings or post-clubbing detox meals where the pictorial menu satisfactorily serves both non-Romanians and those too drunk to read.

**Beta** (Map p290; ☎ 673 663; www.la-beta.ro; Str Ștefan cel Mare 6A; mains €3-6; ☎ 7am-1am) This modern food emporium and bar with a sprawling terrace is sure to satisfy all. Menu items include full breakfast, vegetarian dishes, pizza, salad and children's meals.

**Amster's Restaurant Café** (Map p290; B-dul Tomis 55; mains €4-6.50; ☎ 8am-2am) Just opened at the time of writing, this cosy café has small wood tables and leather chairs from where you can plunder the free wi-fi service. The short, ambitiously priced menu deviates far from typical café fare.

**Crazy** (Map p290; ☎ 0726-779 292; Str Mircea cel Bătrân 97A; mains €4-11; ☎ 9am-1am) This is an upscale eatery with a mature menu selection rarely found outside of Bucharest. The giant, overstuffed leather chairs, flat TVs and bar seating invite people to linger long past dessert.

## CAFÉS & QUICK EATS

**Café D'Art** (Map p290; ☎ 612 133; B-dul Tomis 97; mains €1-3; ☎ 9am-1am) This is an intimate place snuggled up to the Drama Theatre. Especially popular as an evening drinking hole (cocktails €2), it's also packed during the day by those seeking a good place to people-watch while enjoying a light meal.

Fast-food outlets serving kebabs, burgers and hot dogs are dotted all over town. There are some inside the modern **Galeriile Comerciale Voicules** (Map p290; off B-dul Tomis), and 24-hour joints can be found in the colourfully seedy

section of B-dul Tomis south of Str Traian. **Pizza Hut** (Map p290; ☎ 518 430; Str Râșcoala din 1907 10) delivers.

## SELF-CATERING

Stock up on fruit, cheese and vegetables at the **central market** (Map p288; ☎ 7am-4pm) between the train station and southern bus station. There is another **market** (Map p290; Str Râșcoala din 1907) in the centre of town. The **Grand Supermarket** (Map p290; B-dul Tomis 57; ☎ 24hr) has a good choice of cakes, biscuits and staple foods. Freshly baked breads and pastries are sold at the **Merlin Patisserie** (Map p290; Str Ștefan cel Mare), opposite Beta.

## Drinking

**Web Café** (Map p290; B-dul Tomis 56; ☎ 24hr; internet per hr €0.85) This is a simple bar-café with a couple of internet terminals. The pumping dance music makes for an invigorating afternoon coffee break or staging area for a big night out.

**Irish Pub** (Map p290; ☎ 550 400; www.irishpub.ro; Str Ștefan cel Mare 1; mains €4.50-8; ☎ 9am-1am) The attractive, bright, orderly wood interior and exceptional menu miss the true mark of an Irish pub, but you can get your pint of Guinness here and that's what counts. The popular terrace almost overlooks the sea.

**Club Domino** (Map p290; ☎ 665 888; www.restaurant-dominio.ro; Str Mircea cel Bătrân 105; club 10pm-4am Thu-Sun, café 10am-2am daily) They cover all the bases at Domino; a ground floor café, a first floor restaurant and, most importantly, one of only two nightclubs in Constanța proper in the basement. The bright café is a trendy hangout for drinks and snacks. Theme parties are frequent in the club, with drink specials and guest DJs.

**No Problem** (Map p288; ☎ 513 377; B-dul Tomis 253; special events admission €3; ☎ 10pm-5am Thu-Sat) These guys have finally dropped the pretence and switched to a full-on nightclub, competing with the daunting action at nearby Mamaia.

## Entertainment

New foreign films are presented at **Cinema Studio** (Map p290; ☎ 611 358; cnr B-bul Tomis & Str Negru Voda). In summer, films are also screened at **Cinema Grădină Tomis** (Map p290; B-dul Ferdinand), an outside cinema in Archaeological Park.

Colourful cabarets, pantomimes and musicals are performed at **Fantasia** (aka Constanța National Theatre; Map p290; ☎ 618 843; B-dul Ferdinand 11). The **Puppet Theatre** (Map p290; Teatrul de Copii

și Tineret Constanța; ☎ 618 992; Str Karatzali 16) can be fun for the kids, even if performances are in Romanian.

The more literary should head to the **Metaforfoze State Drama Theatre & Opera** (Map p290; ☎ 615 268; Str Mircea cel Bătrân 97) in the central park. You can get tickets at the **ticket office** (Map p290; B-dul Tomis 97; ☎ 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-noon Sat, 5-6.50pm Sun). The theatre is also home to the Black Sea Philharmonic (Filarmonica Marea Neagră) and the **Oleg Danovski Ballet Theatre** (☎ 488 202). The **Agenție de Bilete** (Map p290; ☎ 988 247; Str Ștefan cel Mare 34; ☎ 10am-5pm) also sells tickets for all performances.

FC Farul Constanța, the city's cherished football team (they are six-time national champions), has its home ground at the 5000-seat **Stadionul Farul** (Map p288; ☎ 616 142; Str Primăverii 2) in Parcul Copilului (Children's Park).

## Getting There & Away

### AIR

During summer there are international flights from Athens and sometimes from Istanbul to Constanța's **Mihail Kogălniceanu airport** (☎ 258 378), 25km from the centre.

As road and train connections with the capital are so good, **Tarom** (Map p290; ☎ 662 632; Str Ștefan cel Mare 15; ☎ 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.30pm Sat) has only a once-weekly flight to Bucharest (one-way adult/student €50/26). **Carpatair** (☎ 255 422; constanta@carpatair.com), located at Constanța's airport, flies to Timișoara and beyond six days a week.

### BUS

Constanța has two bus stations. From the **southern bus station** (Autogară Sud; Map p288; ☎ 665 289; B-dul Ferdinand), buses to Istanbul (17½ hours, €40) depart daily. Tickets are sold in advance from **Özlem Tur** (☎ 514 053), just outside the bus station. There are three maxitaxis daily to Brăila (€5.60) and 10 daily to Galați (€6.70), each of which stop at Constanța's **northern bus station** (Autogară Nord; Map p288; ☎ 641 379; Str Soveja 35) on the way. Maxitaxi 23 also departs to Mamaia from here.

From the northern bus station services also include at least one daily maxitaxi to Chișinău (€13, 9 hours) and Iași (€11.20, 7 hours), and four to Histria (€1.75, 1½ hours). Maxitaxis leave for Tulcea (€3.70, 2½ hours) every 30 minutes from 6am to 7.30pm.

If you're travelling south along the Black Sea coast, buses are infinitely more convenient

than trains. Exit Constanța's train station, turn right and walk 50m to the long queue of maxitaxis, buses and private cars destined for Mangalia, stopping at Eforie Nord, Eforie Sud, Neptun-Olimp, Venus and Saturn.

**Eurolines** (Map p290; ☎ 662 704; Str Ștefan cel Mare 71) sells bus tickets to European destinations and can arrange car rentals and sell last-minute plane tickets to Germany.

### TRAIN

Constanța's **train station** (Map p288; B-dul Ferdinand) is near the southern bus station, 1.5km from the town centre. The 24-hour left-luggage office is downstairs.

The **Agenție de Voiaj CFR** (Map p290; ☎ 617 930; Aleea Vasile Canarache 4; ☎ 7.30am-8.30pm Mon-Fri & 8am-1pm Sat) sells long-distance tickets only; for the local train service (down the coast), buy your tickets at the train station. Student discount tickets are sold at the last window on the left.

There are 11 to 15 daily trains to Bucharest (€8.75, 2½ to 4½ hours), though some terminate at București Obor. The fastest is the intercity 'Marea Neagră'. There are daily services to Suceava (via Iași), Cluj-Napoca, Satu Mare, Galați, Timișoara and other destinations. As many as 19 trains a day head from Constanța to Mangalia (€1.30, 1¼ hours), stopping at Eforie Nord, Eforie Sud, Costinești and Neptun.

There are one to two daily trains to Chișinău in Moldova (€20, 12 hours). The Ovidiu train to Budapest also runs overnight (17 hours) via Bucharest and Arad.

In winter, services are reduced.

## Getting Around

### TO/FROM THE AIRPORT

**Mihail Kogălniceanu airport** (☎ 255 100) is 25km northwest of town on the road to Hârșova. Public buses headed into the city don't come right up to the airport – you have to go out to the road. All public buses to Hârșova (from the northern bus station) stop at the airport.

### BUS & TROLLEYBUS

Public transport runs from 5am to 11.30pm. A ticket costs €0.80, good for two rides. Bus 100 links the train station and the southern bus station with the northern bus station. Buses 40, 41 and 43 go from the southern bus station to the centre of town. Bus 43 continues to the Stadionul Farul south of Lake Tăbăcăriei,

and the 41 goes to Mamaia. Bus 40 goes to the Pescărie bus stop at the southern edge of Mamaia. Nearly all of these routes are also covered by maxitaxis marked with the corresponding number from the bus route or simply the name of the destinations on a card in the front window.

Buses 42 (from the Fantasio bus stop on B-dul Ferdinand) and 43 go to the northern bus station.

### CAR & MOTORCYCLE

**Avis** (Map p290; ☎ 616 733; Str Ștefan cel Mare 15; 🕒 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat) shares an office with Tarom. Travel agencies can also help in renting a car.

## MAMAIA

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Mamaia is where the real action is, if by 'action' you mean pretty beaches, pretty people and pretty dreadful hangovers. It's a mere 8km strip of beach between the freshwater Lake Mamaia (also known as Lake Siutghiol) and the Black Sea, but it's Romania's most popular resort, with golden sands, an aqua park, restaurants, nightclubs and a raucous atmosphere. There are over 60 hotels and tourist complexes squeezed together along the beach. If you're looking for a quiet, relaxing vacation, you've come to the wrong place!

According to legend, the resort gained its name from the desperate cries of a fair maiden, who, during the time of the Ottoman Empire, was kidnapped by a Turk and taken out to sea in a boat. As the wind howled, her frantic cries for her mother – 'Mamaia! Mamaia!' – could be heard for miles around. Today, cries of joy, or what have you, are heard from holiday-makers who come from around Romania to soak their bodies in sunlight and their livers in drink.

Mamaia hosts an annual **National Pop Music festival** (early Sep) which brings together bands from across Romania in catchy pop unity.

### Information

**Info Litoral Tourist Information Centre** (Map p288; ☎ 555 000; www.infolitoral.ro; Constanța Chamber of Commerce Bldg, B-dul Alexandru Lăpușneanu 185; 🕒 9am-5pm Mon-Fri) is a highly recommended first stop – the friendly, well-informed staff can answer any questions. They also sell maps and booklets.

The **Gibraltar Travel Agency** (☎ 634 466; gibraltartravel@fx.ro; B-dul Mamaia 135-137; 🕒 9am-6pm), inside

the Millennium Business Centre, can help with car rental, accommodation and excursion bookings.

**Danubius Travel Agency** (☎ 480 350; Complex Pelican; 🕒 9am-7pm Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm Sat) is the headquarters of the Danubius offices for the Black Sea area.

Every hotel has a currency exchange, and ATMs are easy to find. To change travellers cheques you have to go to Constanța.

The **telephone & post office** (📞 8am-8pm Mon-Fri) are 200m south of the Casino complex on the promenade.

Salvamar operates medical huts staffed with lifeguards on the beach between 15 June and 15 September.

### Sights

Mamaia's number-one attraction is its wide, golden **beach**, which stretches the entire length of the resort. The further north you go, the less crowded it becomes, though the facilities become sparser, too.

In summer, **boats** (☎ 252 494; €3 return; every 30min 9am-midnight) ferry tourists across Lake Mamaia to **Ovidiu Island** (Insula Ovidiu, where the poet's tomb is located) from the Tic-Tac wharf opposite the Stația Cazino bus stop. On the island, you can arrange boat tours and jet-ski rental (per hour €28).

A tall-spired **wooden church** from Maramureș has been brought to the area in an attempt to Romanianise the otherwise 'you-could-be-anywhere' surroundings and it now sits awkwardly on the eastern bank of Lake Mamaia.

Near Hotel Perla is an **art gallery** (Map p288; ☎ 547 389; B-dul Aurel Vlaicu). Head here to give your hedonistic, sun-drenched vacation a cultural edge.

Opposite Hotel Perla, **Aqua Magic** (🕒 8am-10pm mid-May-mid-Sep; adult/child under 12/child under 3 €10/6/free) keeps the crowds moistened. Adjacent is an **amusement park**.

Just north of Hotel București, by the banks of Lake Mamaia, there is waterski and wind-surf board rental (☎ 588 888; per 30 min €43-57).

### Sleeping

Most unlicensed *pensiunes* will be a 15-20 minute maxitaxi ride from the beach; see p291 for info about alternative accommodation. Camping is no longer allowed on the beach in Mamaia proper.

**Centrul de Cazare Cazino** (☎ 831 200, 555 555; 🕒 10am-9pm mid-Jun-mid-Sep) Has lists of avail-

able accommodation. Booking hotel rooms through travel agencies can save you as much as 15% on the rack rate.

**Popas Hanul Piraților** (☎ 831 454; tent site/2-room huts €3/8) A camping ground 3km north of Mamaia's northern limit, this has shabby huts, but an on-site café and stretches of fine sand nearby. Bus 23 and maxitaxi 23E stop in front of it.

**Hotel Turist** (Map p288; ☎ 831 006; B-dul Mamaia 288; s/d € 32/41) This is good value, particularly for those wanting the beach scene without the beach nightlife blaring through the walls. It's off the main drag, about a 15-minute walk from the beach. Take bus 40 from the train station.

**Hotel Perla** (Map p288; B-dul Mamaia; ☎ 831 995; s/d/ste €43/48/75; 🍷 🍷 🍷) Lording over the resort's main entrance, this huge hotel is both a landmark and reliable service centre. It's a busy, efficiently run place, with top-to-bottom renovations completed in 2006. The small palm trees outside stay healthy throughout the year thanks to special hormone injections!

**Hotel Boulevard** (Map p288; ☎ 831 533; www.complexboulevard.ro; B-dul Mamaia 294; s/d from €49/58; 🍷 🍷 🍷) Next to Hotel Turist, this is a good choice among Mamaia's three- and four-star options. Modern, with a private beach and offering full services. Extra charge for in-room internet.

**our pick** **Flora Hotel** (☎ 831 059; d with/without breakfast €26/22.50) and neighbouring **Victoria Hotel** (☎ 831 028; www.hotelvictoria.ro; s/d €31.50/36) are just back from the beach, within staggering distance of Mamaia's legendary revelry. The hotels are virtually identical, except that Victoria has invested more in their lobby and restaurant. The rooms here are no-frills, but clean. Ever-frugal Romanian students take advantage of the large, chaotic properties by booking a double room and cramming in eight people for an extreme budget weekend at the beach. Hint, hint.

### Eating

Almost every hotel has an adjoining restaurant and there are numerous fast-food stands and restaurants lining the boardwalk.

**Orange Plaza** (☎ 0722-500 577; mains €2-5; 🕒 10am-6am) Located in the northern part of the resort, this is a good bet. It changes its menu every three months and has an eclectic international menu. There's also an on-site pub and disco.

**Insula Ovidiu** (☎ 252 494; mains €2-5; 🕒 24hr) This famous restaurant on Ovidiu Island is worth

a visit. Seafood is the speciality of the house. They also have three-star accommodation.

### Drinking

Some of the hottest discos on the strip are **Club XS** (Map p288; ☎ 831 212), next to Hotel Perla; **Club XXI**, 100m south of the casino; and the gigantic, slightly tacky **Cleopatra** (☎ 831 237). Entrance to these clubs is free or about €3 for special events.

### Getting There & Away

Tickets for trains departing from Constanța (see p293) can be purchased in advance at the **Agentie de Voiaj CFR** (☎ 617 930), which adjoins the post and telephone office on the promenade.

The simplest and quickest way to travel between Constanța and Mamaia is by maxitaxi. Maxitaxis 23, 23E and 301 depart regularly from Constanța's train station and go north along Mamaia's 8km strip, stopping at major hotels. Maxitaxi 23 stops near Constanța's northern bus station as well. Buses 41 and 47 also take you from Constanța to the northern end of Mamaia.

In summer a shuttle runs up and down Mamaia's 5km boardwalk.

Bus 23 goes north to the neighbouring resort of Năvodari and the camp ground.

Currently, non-Constanța-registered vehicles must pay a €0.50 road tax at the entrance to Mamaia, though this may be discontinued from 2007.

## EFORIE NORD & LAKE TECHIRGHIOI

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Eforie Nord, 14km south of Constanța, is the first large resort south of the city. Beaches are below 10m to 20m cliffs and are as crowded as in Mamaia. Tiny **Lake Belona**, behind the southern end of the beach, is another bathing spot.

Within walking distance of the town centre is **Lake Techirghiol**, famous for its black spropel mud, effective against rheumatism. Its waters are five times saltier than the sea (with 80g of mineral salt per litre; *tekir* is the Turkish word for 'salt'). The small town gets uncomfortably crowded throughout the summer, packed with restaurants, discos and thousands of revellers. However, the choice of accommodation is more varied than in Mamaia.

Eforie Sud, 4km south of Eforie Nord, is a more run-down (ie cheaper) version of its northern sister, but both have been privy to

a €2.8 billion rejuvenation project, which will see building and beautifying works continuing through to 2011.

### Orientation & Information

The train station is a few minutes' walk from the town centre. Exit the train station and turn right. Turn left at the roundabout then left onto B-dul Republicii, the main drag. Buses from Mangalia and Constanța stop on B-dul Republicii near the post office.

Most hotels and restaurants are on Str Tudor Vladimirescu, which runs parallel to B-dul Republicii along the beach.

There is a currency exchange in practically every hotel. The **telephone office** (B-dul Republicii 11; ☎ 7am-9pm Mon-Fri, 11am-7pm Sat & Sun) is inside the **central post office** (☎ 8am-8pm Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm Sat).

### Mud Baths

Wallow in black mud – and smell like... rotten eggs! From the train station, cross the tracks and head south for about 300m. To your right is the entrance to the **public mud baths** (admission €2; ☎ 8am-8pm) of Lake Techirghiol. Single-sex changing rooms lead to separate beaches where convalescence-seekers stand around nude, slather on the green-black glop with noses pinched and bask in the sun until it cracks. On-site massages cost €4.

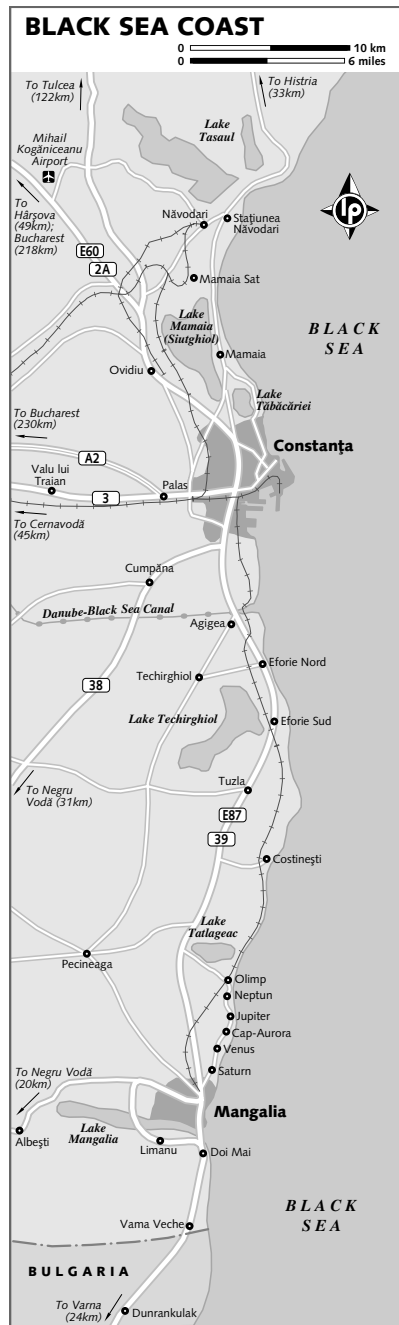
Most of the major hotels offer mud baths at much higher prices.

### Sleeping

**Camping Meduza** (☎ 742 385; tent site/d/2-bed hut €3/10/12) This cramped space is behind the Prahova Hotel at the northern end of town. Walk north along Str Tudor Vladimirescu and turn left after Club Maxim. The doubles are in a drab concrete building. The place is always noisy but it's close to the action and offers laundry service.

**Bosfor Dan** (☎ 743 042; Str Tudor Vladimirescu 1; d €20) Humbly sitting atop a fast-food joint, this four room option is one of the most economical in town. Though it's on a busy intersection, the comfortably equipped rooms aren't overly noisy. Bathrooms and showers are shared. Breakfast isn't included but the food stand downstairs has lots of goodies.

**Pensiunea Colonial** (☎ 741 561; B-dul Republicii 17; per person €35; ☎ ☎) This three-star property has simple, clean rooms, a street-front terrace and a cosy common area. Breakfast not included.



**Hotel-Restaurant Allegro** (☎ 742 952; Str August 23, 15; d €50; ☎ ☎) A slightly swankier option, just 200m from the beach and Lake Techirghiol. Breakfast not included.

**our pick Villa Horia** (☎ 741 388; Str Alexandru Cuza 13; d €40/60; ☎ ☎) This converted bungalow has only four rooms, but they're fully furnished and big enough for four persons. Some have their own balcony. The sumptuous home cooking by the super-friendly owners is almost reason enough to stay here.

### Eating

The main market is 200m north of the bus stop, opposite the white orthodox church.

**Cofetăria Pescăruș** (B-dul Republicii; mains €1-3; ☎ 11am-1am) Opposite the post office, this cafetăria-style joint is handy because you can point to the type of grease you want. It's good for a cheap fill-up and has live music from 9pm.

**Nunta Zamferei** (☎ 741 651; Str Republicii; mains €2-6; ☎ 6pm-1am) This Romanian restaurant is famed for its folk song-and-dance shows. Walk north along B-dul Republicii and turn left onto the small track opposite the public thermal baths.

**333** (☎ 742 333; ann\_caramanian@yahoo.com; Str Andrei Mureșanu 1; meals €1-3; ☎ 8am-1am) This relaxed pub, café and bistro on the corner of Str Republicii doubles as a cool hangout. There is an attached three-star hotel.

### Getting There & Away

The **Agentie de Voiaj CFR** (B-dul Republicii 11; ☎ 617 930) is inside the post office building.

All trains between Constanța and Mangalia stop at Eforie Nord, but you're better off taking a maxitaxi (€0.50; see p293).

### FROM COSTINEȘTI TO SATURN

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This stretch of the *litoral* extends the party mood from north to south at the resorts of Costinești, Olimp, Neptun, Jupiter, Cap Aurora, Venus and Saturn. Costinești, the only resort without a cliff backing, is synonymous with 'youth' due to the modern youth holiday compound and an international student camp; it's a rare sight to see anyone over 30 here.

Moving south, the double resort of Neptun-Olimp was until 1989 the exclusive resort of Romania's Communist Party. Ceaușescu had his own luxury villa here. Today, there's still a moneyed, elite air to these attractive

resorts that cater to a slightly older clientele: chiefly affluent Romanians and some Western tourists. Two artificial lakes (Neptun I & II), ensconced in a lush forest, separate the resorts from the sea. If you arrive from (or depart for) Constanța by maxitaxi, be warned that the main road is a 3km slog from the resort. Neptun-Olimp has plenty of restaurant, clubbing and shopping options.

Jupiter is yet another youth hang-out, with an artificial lake and a nice beach. Cap Aurora has some nice spots and benefits from being the coast's smallest resort. Venus is marginally more family oriented while Saturn has the least-expensive hotels on the coast, mainly in highrise concrete blocks. The latter has made a name for itself treating locomotor and gynaecological problems. Although Jupiter has seen some improvements recently, these four resorts are uniformly moribund compared to their northern neighbours.

### Information

The Info Litoral Tourist Information Centre in Mamaia (see p294) can provide detailed information about these resorts, and it (or any travel agency) can help with hotel booking.

Changing money is not a problem at the resorts, with most hotels providing the service and numerous kiosks set up near the beaches. ATMs can be found as well.

### Activities

**Jet skis** and boards for **wind surfing** (per 30 min €43-57) can be hired from the northern end of Neptun's beach or from the jetty in Costinești. There is also a **yacht club** (☎ 752 395) on the beach in Neptun. Both resorts have **bowling alleys**.

The **Mangalia Stud Farm** (Hergheia Mangalia; ☎ 753 215) is at the southern end of Venus, 3km from Mangalia. It has a small racecourse and you can ride for an hour for about €6.

### Festivals & Events

Costinești hosts a **national film festival** in August. Contact the Info Litoral Tourist Information Centre for details.

### Sleeping

In Costinești, **Sim Val Car** (☎ 586 736) can help find you a room in someone's house for about €15 per person. In Neptun, try booking via **Rainbow Travel** (☎ 701 300; ☎ 24hr Jun-Sep), inside the Levent Market on the main street. In each

resort, you'll also find many signs outside private homes advertising *cazare* (rooms).

There are numerous options along the strip, including finding a forest clearing and pitching a tent for free. In Costinești, there's a camp ground at the resort's northern end. There are also camp grounds at the southern end of Lake Neptun II, at the northern end of Olimp and at the northern ends of both Jupiter and Saturn.

**Hotel Amiral Nord** (☎ 734 944; d without breakfast €28) Next to the train station in Costinești, this two-star option differs from this resort's uniform mediocrity in that it's fairly new and untarnished.

**Hotel Opal** (☎ 731 374; www.hotelopal.ro; s/d without breakfast €25.60/32; ☑ ☒ ☓) This three-star place in Cap Aurora is good for seekers of kitsch and the exotic. It's a concrete giant built in the shape of a pyramid.

**Sat Vacanta Liliacul** (☎ 731 169; apt without breakfast €43-49) This is a fairly new, three-star bungalow complex in Jupiter's centre.

**Hotel Cocor** (☎ 701 042; www.hotelcocor.ro; s/d €64/86; ☑ ☒ ☓) This is a swanky four-star option in the middle of the Neptun-Olimp resort. All rooms have internet, minibar and safe.

Most of the hotels in Olimp look out to sea. Try also the **Hotel Panoramic** (☎ 701 033; fax 701 133; s/d €45/69) and **Majestic Olimp Hotel** (☎ 701 030; www.pmg.ro; s/d €44/50).

## Getting There & Away

By train, the Halta Neptun station is within walking distance of the Neptun-Olimp hotels, midway between the two resorts. The other resorts are best reached by the shuttle buses and maxitaxis that drive along the coast from Mangalia, through Saturn, Venus and Jupiter-Cap-Aurora, to Neptun-Olimp and Eforie Nord. The small maxitaxis stop in the centre of Saturn, Venus and Jupiter-Cap-Aurora.

## MANGALIA

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Ancient Greek Callatis is today a little town which, compared to the fanfare of its northern-resort cousins, has a pulse that's difficult to detect. It's better known for its several minor archaeological sites and health centres for elderly European tour groups who are bent on various cures. Mangalia is Romania's second-most important harbour, though mainly for military purposes and ship repairing.

Mangalia hosts an annual **Young Actors Festival** in the last days of August.

## Orientation

Mangalia's train station is 1km north of the town centre. Turn right as you exit the station and follow Șoseaua Constanței (the main road) south. At the roundabout, turn left for Hotel Mangalia and the beach, continue straight for the pedestrianised section of Șoseaua Constanței, where most facilities are located, and then at the second roundabout make a right onto Ștefan cel Mare for the post office and central bus stop.

## Information

There is a smallish tourist **information kiosk** (☎ 8.30am-4pm) outside the train station that gives out leaflets and can help with booking accommodation.

The multilingual reception of Hotel President can be helpful. The hotel's tourist office organises day trips to the Danube Delta and Murfatlar vineyards.

Most hotels have currency exchanges. One of the numerous **currency exchange offices** (Str Ștefan cel Mare 16; ☎ 7.30am-10pm) is opposite the post office. You can cash travellers cheques or get cash advances on Visa and MasterCard at the **Banca Comercială Română** (Șoseaua Constanței 25; ☎ 8am-4pm Mon-Fri).

The **telephone office** (☎ 7am-10pm) and **post office** (☎ 7am-9pm Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm Sat, 11am-7pm Sun) is at Str Ștefan cel Mare 14-15.

**La Maxim** (per hr €0.65; ☎ 24hr) is an internet shack right on the beach, in front of Hotel Zenit. **Graphity** (☎ 758 284; Str Ștefan cel Mare 16; per hr €0.50; ☎ 24hr) is another option.

## Sights

Mangalia's sights can be seen in two to three hours. The **Callatis Archaeological Museum** (☎ 753 580; Str Șoseaua Constanței 26; ☎ 8am-8pm) has a good collection of Roman sculptures. Just past the high-rise building next to the museum are remnants of a 4th-century **Roman-Byzantine necropolis**.

At the south side of Hotel Mangalia, along Str Izvor, are the ruins of a 6th-century **Palaeo-Christian basilica** and a **fountain** (Izvorul Hercules) dispensing sulphurous mineral water that, despite the smell, some people drink.

Cultural events take place in the **Casă de Cultură**, near Hotel President, which has a large socialist mural on the façade. One block east

of the post office is the Turkish **Sultan Esmahan Mosque** (Moscheea Esmahan Sultan; Str Oituz; admission €0.65; ☎ 9am-8pm). Built in 1525, it's surrounded by a lovely garden and well-kept cemetery. It serves the 800 Muslim families living in Mangalia.

From here, head east down Str Oituz to the beachfront where, in the basement of Hotel President, remains of the walls of the Callatis citadel dating from the 1st to 7th centuries are open for all to see in the so-called **Callatiana Archaeological Reservation** (Muzeul Poarta Callatiana; ☎ 24hr). There's an adjoining **art gallery**.

## Sleeping

The nearest camping grounds are in Saturn and Jupiter-Cap-Aurora. To get to Camping Saturn from Mangalia, follow Șoseaua Constanței 1km north from Mangalia's train station to the Art Deco Saturn sculpture, turn right, walk 50m then turn left.

**Antrec** (☎ 759 473; Str George Murmu 13, Block D, Apt 21; ☎ 24hr, calls only) It arranges rooms in private homes in Mangalia and other coastal resorts from €13 a night.

**Hotel Paradiso** (☎ 752 052; Str Rozelor 35; s/d €42.50/60; ☎) A 1960s holdout, this is a popular choice. It's one of the few hotels on the coast with full wheelchair access; there are ramps onto the beach. There's a charge for 'extras' such as television and fridge (about €1.50).

**Hotel President** (☎ 755 861; www.hpresident.com; Str Treilor 6; s/d/ste from €53/91/147) This is the top place to stay south of Constanța – a four-star luxury hotel with a fully-fledged business centre. The lobby is breezy and dynamically decorated but the rooms are a tad drab.

**Hotel Zenit** (☎ 753 427; Str Treilor 7), **Hotel Astra** (☎ 751 673; Str Treilor 9) and **Hotel Orion** (☎ 751 156; Str Treilor 11) are surprisingly pleasant three-star options on the promenade. All have singles/doubles for €32/43, including private bath.

## Eating

**Cafe del Mar** (☎ 0723-356 610; Str Treilor 4; mains €2-4; ☎ 24hr) You can't go wrong here. There's a great double-decker terrace, stylish interiors and one of the most varied, fanciful menus around – it's the only place on the coast you can get US-style Buffalo wings and potato skins!

Stock up on packed-lunch delights at the **food market** (Piața Agroalimentară; Str Vasile Alecsandri) behind Hotel Zenit.

For fast food, salads and soups try the self-service **Fast Food outlet** on the beach in front of Hotel President.

## Getting There & Away BUS

Maxitaxis from Constanța stop at Mangalia's train station and also in front of the post office, where all maxitaxis running up the coast to Olimp (every 20 minutes) and down the coast to Vama Veche stop. Maxitaxis to Constanța run regularly from 5am to 11pm, to Doi Mai every 15 minutes from 6am to 10pm, and to Vama Veche every hour from 6am to 7pm.

## TRAIN

The **Agentie de Voiaj CFR** (☎ 752 818; Str Ștefan cel Mare 14-15; ☎ 7.30am-8.30pm Mon-Sat, 8.30am-1.30pm Sun) adjoins the central post office.

Mangalia is the end of the line from Constanța. From Constanța there are 19 trains daily in summer to Mangalia (one to 1½ hours), five of which are direct to/from Bucharest's Gară Obor (€10, 4½ hours). In summer there are also express trains to/from Iași, Sibiu, Suceava, Cluj-Napoca and Timișoara.

## DOI MAI & VAMA VECHÉ

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This remote stretch of the coast near the Bulgarian border holds a special place in the Romanian consciousness, conjuring up images of a bohemian paradise with desolate stretches of windswept beaches, where nudists and nonconformists of all creeds come together. During the communist regime, Vama Veche (literally 'old customs point') was reserved for staff of the Cluj-Napoca university and developed its reputation as a haven for hippies, artists and intellectuals.

That was then. Vama Veche's parking lot is now crammed with expensive cars from Bucharest, free camping is a thing of the past, there are loud beachside bars for every musical taste, and nudists are the exception rather than the rule. A visible construction boom foretells big plans for the future.

Doi Mai has also been built up in the last few years but not as obviously as Vama Veche. Its beach is smaller and offers views onto a shipyard. It has retained a small-village charm and can make a pleasant base. Both towns are good alternatives to the more standard, noisier resorts to the north.

While the noise level is on the increase in Vama Veche, things rarely get wilder than on 10 August of every year, when the village hosts



**House Parade**, a festival of international DJs right on the beach. There is also a **jazz festival** in early September.

## Activities

**Patrician Activ** (☎ 0722-846 876; office@patrician.ro) can hook you up with diving gear (starting at €150 for a 90-minute dip, discounts for larger groups) for dives both in the Black Sea and in a mountain lake. Also in Doi Mai, Casa Oana (see Sleeping below) rents bicycles for €1.50 an hour. **Jet Skis** can be rented on the northern end of the beach in Vama Veche for about €20 an hour.

## Sleeping

There's free camping at the southern end of Vama Veche's beach, but not on the beach itself, only on the grasslands. The area is packed and uncomfortable. There are cold/hot showers (€0.40/0.65) near the centre of the beach.

**Dispencerat Cazare** (☎ 0722-889 087; www.vamaveche.holidays.ro) Just around the corner from popular Bar Bibi in Vama Veche, this office can hook you up with a room in town for about €15.

**Hotel-Restaurant Lyana** (☎ 0744-671 213; d €20) This is right on the beach in Vama Veche. Its decent rooms promise a sea view – as well as the noise from all the beach discos. Its restaurant is the most elegant in the village.

**our pick** **Hellios Inn** (☎ 732 929; Str Gheorghe Bunoiu; www.hellios-inn.ro; s/d €25/32) One of the most pleasant options on the whole coast, this place is located in Doi Mai. Tastefully done up like a two-storey villa, with all 50 rooms facing an inner courtyard full of flowers, its rooms are small but cosy, with wood, stone or brick walls. The windows in some rooms are merely holes in stone. There's a huge bar and restaurant with open roof, a wine cellar and a large swimming pool. It's the last house on the street.

**Casa Oana** (☎ 743 900; Str Gheorghe Bunoiu 152; d €30) This is a bonafide B&B in Doi Mai – a lovely house with eight fully furnished, cosy rooms. Copious breakfasts are served in the garden.

## Eating

**Bar Bibi** (☎ 0722-241 216; mains €2-4; ☎ 10am-2am) This is one of the most popular hangouts and eateries in Vama Veche, on the main drag 50m from the beach. The meals are excellent and the first-floor pub is one of the saner places to be in the evening.

**Dobrogean** (cnr Str Kogalniceanu & Str Dobrogeanu; mains €2-4; ☎ 8am-1am; 📺) This is your best bet in

Doi Mai, though there are lots of cafés on Str Kogalniceanu, the main road. The décor is country-rustic, the menu is varied and there's internet access on site.

## Getting There & Away

Maxitaxis serve Doi Mai and Vama Veche regularly from Mangalia (see p299).

## TO BULGARIA

From the south end of Vama Veche you can walk or drive across the border into Bulgaria. The crossing is open 24 hours. If you cross on foot, be prepared for a 6km hike to Durankulak, the first settlement inside Bulgaria.

Motorists can also cross into Bulgaria at Negru Vodă, 15km west of Mangalia on the main Constanța–Dobriș highway (E38). Kardam, the first village inside Bulgaria, is 5km from the border crossing.

## THE DANUBE–BLACK SEA CANAL

The Danube Canal runs for 64km from Cernavodă (the site of Romania's nuclear reactor; a total of five reactors are planned for the area) in the west to Agigea on the eastern coast. The canal, which opened in 1984, shortens the sea trip from Constanța to Cernavodă by 400km.

## Murfatlar

As they approach Constanța, the canal and railway pass through the Murfatlar area, where Romania's best-known dessert wines are produced. The profitable Murfatlar vineyards are northwest of the small town of Basarabi, some 14km west of Constanța. Wine-tasting and guided tours of the factory are possible – but only for groups of 20 or more. Most travel agencies arrange group wine-tasting tours to Murfatlar.

## HISTRIA

Histria, settled in 657 BC by Greek traders, is Romania's oldest town. It rapidly became a key commercial port, superseding Constanța. But subsequent Goth attacks coupled with the gradual sandlocking of the harbour led to its equally rapid decline, and by the 7th century AD the town was abandoned. Its ruins were discovered in 1914.

## Citadel

If you've seen the lost city of Pompeii, Histria Citadel (Cetatea Histria) may disappoint. If

## THE DEATH CANAL

The Danube–Black Sea canal took 30,000 people around nine years to construct. Some 300 million cu m of land were manually excavated and 4.2 million cu m of reinforced concrete shifted by workers. This canal was only one part of a centuries-old dream to build an inland waterway linking the North and Black Seas, which was finally realised in 1992 when a 171km canal between the Main and Danube Rivers in Germany was opened.

Thousands of lives were lost during the communists' first attempt at building the canal – or 'death canal' (*canalul morții*) as it was known – between 1949 and 1953. During the communist purges of this period some 180,000 political prisoners were placed in forced-labour camps in Romania; 40,000 of them were worked to death on the project.

The project was abandoned in 1953 and resumed again in 1975 when a more suitable route was followed.

Together with the Palace of the People in Bucharest, the canal has gone down in history as one of the communists' most costly follies – and not just financially.

you haven't, you will find the walls, baths and paved roads left at the **Histria Archaeological Complex** (☎ 618 763; admission €1.20; ☎ 9am-8pm) to be quite superb. Visitors are free to walk around the original streets of the ancient fortified city. Wild camping on the grounds is also permitted.

Archaeological relics uncovered at the site are displayed in the **Histria Museum** (☎ 618 763; free admission; ☎ 9am-8pm) at the entrance to the site. From the entrance, paths lead visitors through the ancient city's remains, and pass by the big tower into the western sector where most of the public buildings and thermal baths and the civil basilica stood. Close by is the Christian basilica, built with stones from the old theatre in the 6th century AD.

On the cliffs in the eastern sector is the 'sacred zone' (*zona sacră*) where archaeologists have uncovered remains of a Greek temple believed to be built at the end of the 6th century BC.

The complex is 4km south of Histria village. From Constanța, turn east off the main

road at the signpost for 'Cetatea Histria'. The complex is a further 7km along this road.

## Getting There & Away

Getting to Histria is tough without private transport. Four buses depart from Constanța's northern bus station, but the 4km hike from the stop puts many off. Taxis are hard to find here.

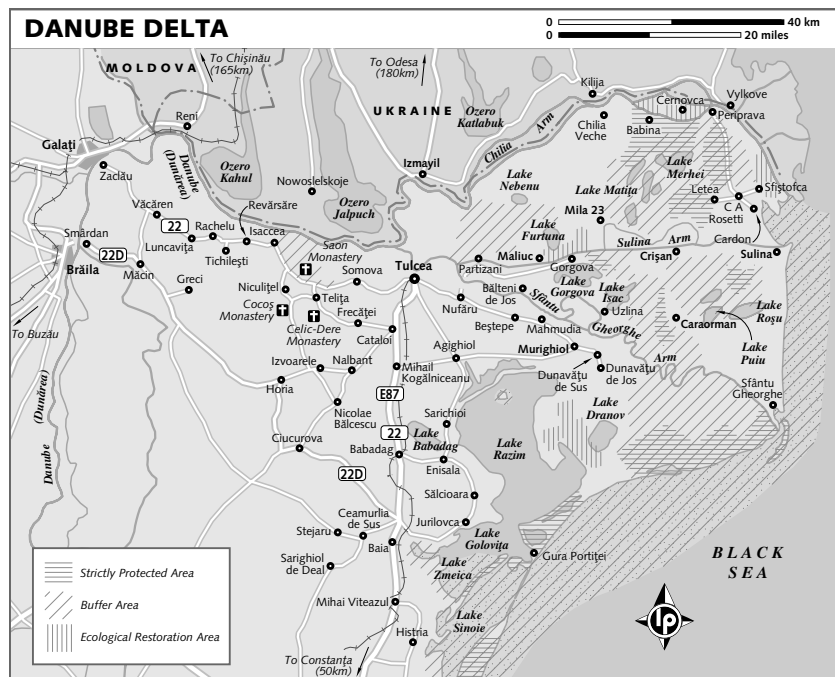
# DANUBE DELTA

The Danube Delta (Delta Dunării) is a marvellous world where water, fish and birds call the shots. While it remains a relatively small tourism centre, the area is developing rapidly in breathless anticipation of the tourism that EU membership is expected to attract. Most hotels, tourism agencies and even restaurants have private boats with tour packages, while three and four star boat hotels ('boatels') trundle through the major arteries, allowing for low impact, even plush delta tours. Yet hitching a ride with fishers or hiring a small boat to explore the minor waterways, floating arm's-length from the exotic wildlife, is indisputably one of the area's greatest pleasures.

At the end of its long journey across Europe the mighty Danube River spills into the Black Sea just south of the Ukrainian border. Here the Danube splits into three channels – the Chilia, Sulina and Sfântu Gheorghe arms, creating a 4187-sq-km wetland (3446 sq km of which are in Romania) that provides sanctuary for some 300 species of birds and 150 species of fish. Reed marshes cover 1563 sq km, constituting one of the largest expanses of reed beds in the world. Almost thirty different types of ecosystems have been counted.

This is Europe's youngest and least stable land. The river discharges an average of 6300 cu m of water per second, creating a constantly evolving landscape, made evident by the Sfântu Gheorghe lighthouse. Built by the sea in 1865, it now stands 3km from open waters.

The Danube Delta is protected under the DDBR (see Ecology on p286), set up in response to the ecological disaster that befell it during Ceaușescu's attempt to transform it, incredibly, into an agricultural region. There are 18 protected areas – 506 sq km (8.7% of the total area) including a 500-year-old forest and Europe's largest pelican colony. The delta is included in Unesco's World Heritage list.



Wherever you intend to go in the delta, stock up on supplies and mosquito repellent. Remember that the Danube is polluted water; although locals may use it to make tea and soup, do not drink it! (see p367 for what to do if you experience tummy trouble.) Still, sampling some Danubian cuisine is part of the experience of visiting the area. While fresh fish served in restaurants is generally fine to eat, some visitors report upset stomachs after eating fish in private homes that has not been cooked enough.

The delta's population incorporates large Ukrainian (24%) and Lipovan (13%) communities. Lipovans form a majority in Mila 23, Jurilovca, Mahmudia, Periprava and a trio of remote villages north of Sulina: Sfîstofca, CA Rosetti and Letea. They are descendants of the Old Believers who left Russia around 1772 to avoid religious persecution. Lipovans possess a traditional culture and are very skilled fishers. They continue to speak a Russian dialect as well as Romanian and in deference to their religion, they may be the only group of non-smokers in Romania!

Predominantly Ukrainian villages include Murighiol, Sfântu Gheorghe and Caraorman.

## Climate

This is the most humid region in Romania, particularly during summer (July average 24°C). In spring up to 70% of the region is flooded. Winters are mild and it is extremely rare for the channels to ice over.

## Bird-Watching

Halfway between the North Pole and the equator, the Danube Delta is a major migration hub for thousands of birds heading to/from Mongolia, Siberia, India, Africa and China. Prime times are mid-April to mid-May and late October, when half the world's population of red-breasted geese winter here. Long-tailed ducks, whooper swans, black-throated divers and clouds of white storks are equally abundant at this time.

Europe's largest white pelican and Dalmatian pelican colonies are also here, along with 60% of the world's pygmy cormorants.

Protected species typically found in the delta include the roller, white-tailed eagle, great white egret, mute swan, falcon and bee-eater.

Protected zones shield the largest bird colonies. Large green signs in most villages, most

in Romanian, show visitors where these zones are and what birds can be found there. There are 65 observation towers dotted throughout the delta. Bird-watchers usually congregate around Lake Furtuna, Murighiol, the brackish areas around Lake Razim and Lake Babadag, and Histria.

## Getting Around

In the delta proper it's easy to hire rowing boats from fishers. This is the only way to penetrate the delta's exotic backwaters.

## NAVROM FERRIES

**Navrom** (☎ 511 553; www.navrom.x3m.ro, Romanian only) operates passenger ferries year-round to towns and villages in the delta. It also runs its own tours on weekends. On Saturday, tours head to Sulina, leaving at 8am and returning at 8pm (€4.80); on Sunday at the same hours tours sail to Sfântu Gheorghe (€4.80). You get to see the landscape but there is little time for true exploring.

There are now both fast and slow ferries to Sulina from Tulcea. Schedules change frequently, so check the website for current information. At the time of writing, the slow ferry departs Tulcea at 1.30pm (€5.20, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, four hours), returning at 7am (Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday) and the fast ferry leaves Tulcea at 1.30pm (€10, Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday, 1½ hours) returning at 7am (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). If you intend to return on the fast ferry, it's best to purchase a return ticket when boarding in Tulcea, as it's often sold out. Otherwise, if you're not in a rush, there's always some space on the slow ferry. The Tulcea-Sulina ferries stop at Partizani, Maliuc, Gorgova and Crişan (€2.65) on the way. To get to Mila 23 and Caraorman, disembark at Crişan and catch a local boat.

The slow ferry to Sfântu Gheorghe departs from Tulcea at 1.30pm (€5.75, Tuesday and Friday, 5½ hours), returning at 7am (Wednesday and Sunday). The fast ferry departs Tulcea at 1.30pm (€10.50, Monday and Wednesday, two hours), returning at 7am (Tuesday and Thursday). These boats stop at Bălteni de Jos, Mahmudia and Murighiol.

Ferries to Periprava from Tulcea depart at 1.30pm (€5, Monday, Wednesday to Friday, four hours), stopping at Chilia Veche. Return ferries leave Periprava at 6am (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday).

## DELTA PERMITS

In principle, visitors need travel permits to travel in the delta. If on a group excursion of any kind, these are automatically handled by the operator. If you hire a local fisher, ask to see their valid permit. The only time you'll need to buy one (€1) is if you go boating or foraging independently. The Information and Ecological Education Centre in Tulcea (see Tourist Information p304) can issue these for you. If inspectors (and there are many of them) find you without one, you can be liable for a fine of up to €200. You need separate permits to fish or hunt.

Ferry tickets are sold at Tulcea's Navrom terminal from 11.30am to 1.30pm. In summer the queues are long, so get in the correct line early (each window sells tickets to a different destination).

## HYDROFOILS

Hydrofoils to Sulina (1½ hours, €5.25) depart from Tulcea's AFDJ Galaţia terminal, next to the floating ambulance, every day at 2pm. They stop in Maliuc (€1.80) and Crişan (€2.65) on the way. The return trip is at 7pm. Purchase tickets on board.

## TULCEA

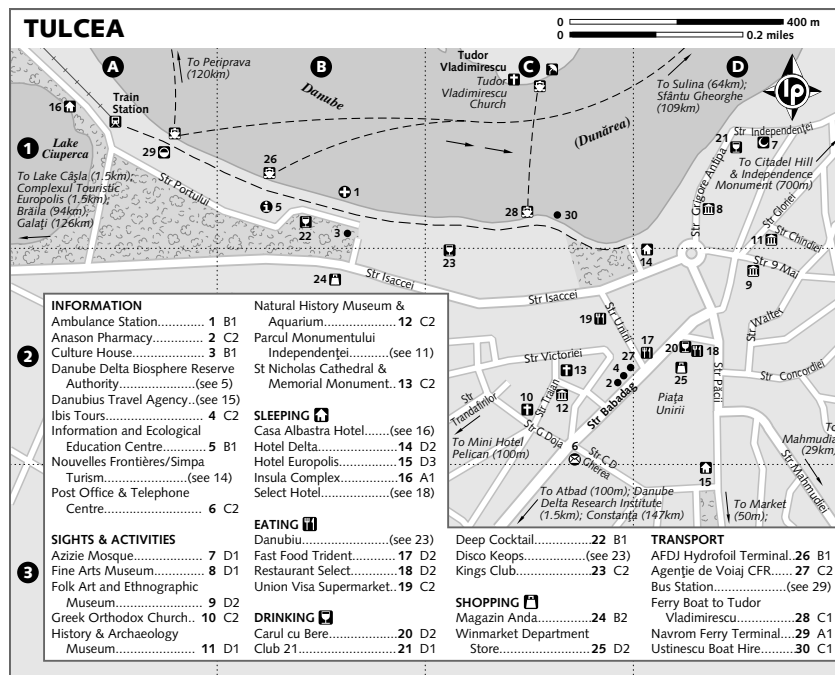
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Tulcea (pronounced *tool-cha*) is usually passed through quickly en route to the delta, so most tourists miss its unassuming appeal. Despite reminders that Tulcea is mainly industrial (eg the billowing smoke from the brick factory outside town), it has a lively energy and an allure of its own, with hopping nightclubs and a sizeable Turkish population that lends a multiethnic flavour. For quiet strolling, there is a broad riverfront promenade where lovers hold hands and watch the sunset.

Tulcea was settled by Dacians and Romans from the 7th to 1st centuries BC, when it was called Aegyssus.

## Orientation

The Tulcea arm (braţul Tulcea) of the Danube loops through Tulcea, cutting off the northern part of town (a sparsely populated area known as Tudor Vladimirescu, where the city's **beach** is located) from the main part of Tulcea where all the facilities are.



## MAPS & PUBLICATIONS

The only city map you're likely to find is included in the *Tulcea Guide*, sold for €1 in museums. There are numerous detailed maps of the delta available at hotels and bookstores, including Amco's *The Danube Delta* (€1.90), which has many photos and detailed information about local marine life. The best delta map is *Eco Touristic Map Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve* (€2), published by Olimp.

## Information

A floating **ambulance station** (stația de ambulanță; ☎ 24hr) is moored in front of Culture House on the riverfront. Some of its crew speak English.

Tulcea was suffering from an internet café deficiency at the time of writing.

At the **Anason Pharmacy** (☎ 513 352; Str Babadag 8), there's an all-night dispenser.

All the hotels have currency exchanges. The **post office** (☎ 512 869; Str Babadag 5; ☎ 7am-8pm Mon-Fri, 8am-noon Sat) and the **telephone centre** (☎ 7am-8pm) are situated within the same building.

## TOURIST INFORMATION

**Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority** (☎ 518 945; arbdd@ddbra.ro; ☎ 8am-4pm) Situated in the Information and Ecological Education Centre building (see below).

**Danubius Travel Agency** (☎ /fax 517 836; Hotel Europolis; ☎ 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri & 9am-1pm Sat) It arranges a variety of daytrips from Tulcea.

**Ibis Tours** (☎ /fax 512 787; www.ibis-tours.ro; Str Babadag 6, Ap14) Arranges wildlife and bird-watching tours in Dobrogea and the delta, led by professional ornithologists, from €30 a day.

**Information and Ecological Education Centre** (☎ 519 214; www.deltaturism.ro; Str Portului 34A; ☎ 8am-6pm) This should be your first stop. Located inside the building opposite the AFDJ hydrofoil terminal, this office is a representative of Antrec and is run by the DDBR. It can book a range of accommodation and also provide helpful advice. It can also help you get fishing, hunting and travel permits. Booklets and maps are available here.

**Nouvelles Frontières/Simpa Tourism** (☎ /fax 515 753; office@simpaturism.ro; Hotel Delta) It organises numerous river tours (usually a few euro more expensive than at other travel agencies). Its boats hold around 80 to 100 people.

## Sights

In front of the **St Nicholas Cathedral** (Str Progresului 37) there's a **memorial monument** to local victims of the 1989 revolution. Nearby is a fabulous **Greek Orthodox church** (Str G Doja). Northeast you'll discover the **Azizie Mosque** (1863; Str Independenței), which the charismatic, elderly gatekeeper will open upon request. As you stroll along the river, note the **Independence Monument** (1904) perched regally on Citadel Hill, at the far eastern end of town. You can reach it by following Str Gloriei to its end.

All of Tulcea's museums are open Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 6pm May to August and 8am to 4pm September to April. They charge €0.50 admission.

Some ruins of the old citadel can be seen in the archaeological site known as the **Parcul Monumentului Independenței**, next to the **History & Archaeology Museum** (☎ 513 626; cnr Str Gloriei & Str Chindiei). The **Folk Art and Ethnographic Museum** (☎ 516 204; Str 9 Mai 4) has Turkish and Romanian traditional costumes, fishing nets, rugs and carpets among its exhibits.

The **Natural History Museum & Aquarium** (☎ 515 866; Str Progresului 32) highlights the delta's fauna with lots of stuffed birds and a basement aquarium. The **Fine Arts Museum** (☎ 513 249; Str Grigore Antipa 2) has over 700 wood and glass icons and a large collection of Romanian paintings and sculptures, including some surrealist and avant-garde works.

## Festivals & Events

In August Tulcea hosts the annual **International Folk Festival of Danubian Countries**, where local songs, games and traditional activities are played out against a Danubian backdrop. Tulcea is also the site of December's **Winter Carnival**, where you can partake in Delta wintertime customs while nursing cups of hot mulled wine.

## Sleeping

No camping is allowed within Tulcea's city limits. However, there are many areas where wild camping is permitted on the banks of the canal within a few kilometres of the city – ask at the Information and Ecological Education Centre for details.

The formerly stout boat hotel ('boatel') industry, with multiday Delta tours, was going through a lull at the time of writing. Keep an eye out for new companies opening to fill the void.

**Hotel Europolis** (☎ 512 443; www.europolis.ro; Str Păcii 20; s/d €24.50/34.50; ☎) These spacious rooms with huge bathrooms are popular year round so call ahead. For the same prices, you can stay at its Complex Touristic Europolis from May to September, a resort-like hotel by Lake Cășla, 2km outside of Tulcea's city limits. Though favoured by groups, the site is lovely, in the thick of nature. Water-bikes and small boats can be rented and there are walking trails.

**Mini Hotel Pelican** (☎ 510 078; www.hotel-pelican.com; Str Trazafrilor 26; d/tr €26/37; ☎) Up the hill from central Tulcea on an unlikely residential street, this hotel has basic but comfortable rooms and a friendly, English-speaking staff. Request tiny rooftop room number seven for a sweeping view of the city out your door.

**Select Hotel** (☎ 506 180; www.calyposr.ro; Str Păcii 6; s/d €48/54; ☎) This is a mildly overpriced three-star business hotel, with big rooms, Swedish breakfast buffet, fitness centre, sauna and massage services.

**Ourpick Hotel Delta** (☎ 514 720; www.deltahotel.ro.com; Str Isacsei 2; s/d €48/60; ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎) While visiting the Danube Delta can be a peaceful, near-spiritual experience, upon return most people have a mind for soft beds, clean bathrooms and a good soak. Enter Hotel Delta. The building may be a city landmark of ugliness, but inside it boasts some of the most luxurious rooms in Dobrogea. There's a restaurant (mains €5) and a large, modern bar. Renovations have introduced a new heated swimming pool and a well-equipped fitness centre.

Other recommendations:  
**Insula Complex** (☎ 530 908; Lake Ciuperca; s/d €26/35) Seconds from the train station, this two-star option has an onsite restaurant and pleasant rooms.  
**Casa Albastra Hotel** (☎ 535 662; s/d without breakfast €16/20) Near the Insula Complex, this is a typical Romanian sport hotel.

## Eating & Drinking

**Carul cu Bere** (Str Păcii 6; mains €1-3; ☎ 9am-midnight) This adjoins Restaurant Select and has a fun terrace that's great for enjoying a beer and people-watching. A lively crowd usually heads here to pull back a few. Meals are courtesy of Restaurant Select.

**Fast Food Trident** (Str Babadag; mains €2-4; ☎ 8am-11pm) This is an excellent spot for cheesy pizzas and pasta. It's opposite the Winmarket Department Store.

**Restaurant Select** (☎ 510 301; Str Păcii 6; mains €3-9; ☎ 9am-midnight) Treat yourself to a top-notch

meal here; the cuisine is excellent and prices very reasonable. From its varied menu, choose from fish, frog legs, pizza and the local speciality, *tochitură Dobrogeana* (p53). The dining room is archly formal, but the best seating area is on the terrace.

There's a string of cafés and fast-food joints along Str Unirii.

Stock up on picnic supplies and fresh fruit at the **produce market** (Str Păcii) or the **Union Visa supermarket** (Str Unirii).

**Club 21** (Str Grigore Antipa 10; ☎ 7pm-4am; terrace access ☎ 8am-11pm) A cosy bar with couches, art on the walls, low lighting and house music.

**Deep Cocktail** (waterfront; ☎ 8pm-2am) This is a two-level cocktail bar, with limited dance space available later in the evening. Theme parties and weekend drink specials are frequent.

**King's Club/Disco Keops/Danubiu** (☎ 514732; www.danubiu.ro; Str Portului 2; noon-11pm restaurant, 10pm-4am clubs) This is your one stop eating, drinking and dancing emporium. Dine at Danubiu (mains €3-5), then hop next door to King's Club for drinking, DJs and appraisal of the opposite sex. Finally, cut loose for unbridled dancing in Keops. Reservations at King's Club are strongly recommended on Saturdays. The price of a reserved table (seating ten €29, seating five €14.50) is wholly applied to your bar tab, after which it's a cash bar.

## Shopping

**Magazin Anda** (Str Isaczei 23; ☎ 9am-6pm) has camping gear and supplies.

**Winmarket Department Store** (Piața Unirii 1; ☎ 9am-7pm Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Sat & Sun) has general supplies.

## Getting There & Away

The **Agentie de Voiaj CFR** (☎ 511 360; Str Unirii 4; ☎ 9am-4pm Mon-Fri) is on the corner of Str Babadag. From the **train station** (☎ 513706; Str Portului) there are only two, slow trains to Constanța daily (€5.10, five hours). There is one daily train to Bucharest (€9.80, six hours).

The **bus station** (☎ 513304) adjoins the **Navrom ferry terminal** (Str Portului). As many as 15 buses and maxitaxis head to Bucharest (€9.80), at least nine to Galați (€3.15), five to Brăila (€3.15), nine to Murighiol (€1.20, via Mahmudia) and one a day to Iași (€12.60) and Piatra Neamț (€13.70). There are two daily buses to Jurilovca (€1.80). Maxitaxis to Constanța leave every half hour from 5.30am to 8pm.

One bus a day heads to Istanbul (€40).

## Getting Around

Bus 4 departs from the bus and train stations, runs along Str Isaczei and heads down Str Păcii. A small motorboat continuously links the southern and northern sections of Tulcea (tickets €0.30).

Private motorboats lined up at the harbour cost upwards of €20 an hour for up to 10 people. **Ustinescu Boat Hire** (☎ 526042) has a boat moored near the Tudor Vladimirescu ferry.

## TULCEA TO PERIPRAVA

The 120km Chilia channel (brațul Chilia), the longest and largest channel, snakes along Romania's border with Ukraine before fanning out into some 40 tiny rivers forming a minidelta of its own. It's the least toured of the delta's main arms.

Navrom ferries only call at **Chilia Veche** and **Periprava**, which is 30km from the sea. Immediately west of Periprava are the two islands of **Babina** and **Cernovca**, which were dyked by Ceaușescu in the late 1980s as part of his drive to turn the region into agricultural land.

South of Periprava lies the impressive **Letea forest** (Pădurea Letea), which covers 2.8 sq km. A national park since 1938, it is today protected by the DDBR. Tourists can visit Letea village nearby and spend a few days touring the surrounding waterways. Expect to pay local fishers at least €50 a day.

For information on **ferries to/from Chilia Veche** and **Periprava**, see above.

## TULCEA TO SULINA

The Sulina arm, the shortest channel of the Danube, stretches 63.7km from Tulcea to Sulina. The Navrom ferry's first stop is at **Partizani**, from where you can find a fisherman to row you to the three lakes to the north: Tataru, Lung and Meșter. Next stop is **Maliuc**, where **Hotel Maliuc** (☎ 0748-200372; hotelmaliuc2004@yahoo.com; bed & full board €40) sits directly across

### FLAPPING BY

Words you might (hopefully) hear on your Delta excursions: *barbiță* (pelican); *vâtan* (cormorant); *rață mare* (great duck); *nagât* (lapwing); *lopătar* (spoonbill); *vultur codalb* (white-tail eagle); *știucă* (pike); *crap* (carp); *nisetru* (Black Sea sturgeon); *lotca* (wooden fishing boat) and *bors de peste* (traditional soup made with fish and vegetables).

from the ferry stop, offering home cooking and rowboat tours and a camp ground with space for 80 people. North of Maliuc is **Lake Furtuna**, a snare for bird-watchers.

The ferry's next stop is the junction with Old Danube, 1km upstream from **Crișan**. There are several *pensiuines* in the village, all charging about €10 per person. Try **Pensiune Gheorghe Silviu** (☎ 511279) or **Pensiune Pocora** (☎ 511279). There is also the DDBR's **Crișan Centre for Ecological Information & Education** (☎ 519214; office@deltaturism.ro; ☎ 8am-4pm Tue-Sun), which features wildlife displays, a library and a video room. At the main Crișan ferry dock, ask about side trips to **Mila 23** and **Caraorman**.

## SULINA

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There's a faded romance to Sulina, and its position, dangling off the edge of Europe, gives it a poetic allure that's lived up to by its quiet **beach**, **lighthouse** (1870) and 19th-century British **cemetery**. First written about in AD 950, this is the delta's largest village, with some 50% of the population living here.

A canal dug between 1880 and 1902 shortened the length of the Tulcea-Sulina channel by 20km, ensuring Sulina's future as the delta's main commercial port. After WWI Sulina was declared a 'free port' and trade boomed. Greek merchants dominated business here until their expulsion in 1951. The village has been in a slow process of economic decay ever since.

There were plans to start a maxitaxi service from Sulina to Sfântu Gheorghe along a dyke, which would increase mobility options greatly, but the summer floods of 2005 have delayed this project indefinitely.

## Orientation & Information

The ferry dock is located in the centre of town, with a few shops and bars to the west. There are no banks. The **DDBR office** (☎ 9am-noon & 4-7pm Tue-Sat, 9am-1pm Sun, May-Oct) is at house 1 near the dock.

## Sleeping

There is a camping area on the road to the beach. As you get off the ferry, watch for people offering private rooms (around €10 per person).

**Pensiunea Ana** (☎ 543252; s/d €12/14.50) has two clean rooms with a shared bath. A few hundred metres west along the riverfront from

the Sulina Cinema is a small sign pointing to the friendly **Pensiune Astir** (☎ 543379; s/d €10/20). The **Pensiune Delta Sulina** (☎ 0722275554; r with/without breakfast & dinner €40/30) is a comfortable, three-star option.

## Getting There & Away

For information on ferries and hydrofoils see p303.

## TULCEA TO SFÂNTU GHEORGHE

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The Sfântu Gheorghe arm (brațul Sfântu Gheorghe) stretches 109km southeast from Tulcea to the fishing commune of Sfântu Gheorghe. A road runs along more than half of the Sfântu Gheorghe arm to Mahmudia, making it more accessible to travellers. From here a ferry is the only way to get to Sfântu Gheorghe.

From Tulcea, a potholed road – horrid even by Romanian standards – leads 13km south-east to **Nufăru**, a village boasting archaeological finds from the 12th and 13th centuries. The Navrom ferry's first stop is at **Bălteni de Jos**.

The ferry's second stop is at **Mahmudia**, 28km from Tulcea, developed on the site of the ancient Roman walled city of Salsovia (sun city). Emperor Constantine had his co-ruler and rival Licinius killed here.

Some ferries stop at **Murighiol** (Violet Lake), 45km from Tulcea, which was a Roman military camp in the 2nd century BC. It's a 3km walk to the river from the maxitaxi stop: keep walking in the same direction that the maxitaxi was travelling and turn left after the last house. The stacks of reeds you see piled up by the dock are exported, primarily to Germany; Germans big on folk-chic are the biggest importers of Delta reeds, used to make thatched roofs for their upscale country homes.

The most popular day trip from Murighiol is northeast to **Uzlina**, once reserved as an exclusive hunting ground for Ceaușescu. Just beyond is a trio of lakes – Uzlina, Isac and Isăcel – that are popular for spotting pelicans, egrets and grey herons.

From Murighiol, the road continues 5km south to **Dunavățu de Sus**.

## Sleeping

In Mahmudia, there are numerous *cazares* and *pensiuines* to stay at, as well as one bonafide hotel, **Hotel Teo** (☎ 545550; www.hotelteo.ro; s/d without breakfast €37/45), a large and modern full-service centre on the riverfront.

Murighiol has more options, the best of which is **Pensiune Riviera** (☎ 545 910; d with full board €15). Headquartered just 50m down the road from where the maxitaxi lets you off (further in the same direction), this B&B can easily arrange boat trips into the canals for about €15 an hour. Otherwise, **Camping & Hotel Pelican** (☎ 545 877; d with breakfast/hut/tent site per person €29/10/1.50), 3km from the maxitaxi stop, and 1.5km from the Navrom ferry port, has the advantage of being near the river but is otherwise a lonely, drab place. Some people camp wild by the riverbanks here.

Nouvelles Frontières/Simpa Turism (see Tourist Information on p304) will take bookings for rooms aboard the gleaming **Cormoran Hotel Complex** (☎ 0744-656 372, 515 753; www.cormoran.ro; s/d €40-60/50-75), a luxurious oasis smack in the middle of the delta at Uzlina. It has various types of accommodation in the area and prices vary accordingly. There is a restaurant, bar, disco and sunbathing terrace. Guests can waterski, windsurf, and hire small rowing boats or motorboats to explore the delta (at higher prices than elsewhere).

### Getting There & Away

For ferry schedules to the area, see p303. There are nine daily maxitaxis from Tulcea to Murighiol (via Mahmudia; €1.20).

## SFÂNTU GHEORGHE

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The ferry continues downstream from Murighiol, past Ivancea – one of the delta's largest geese-nesting areas – to the fishing village **Sfântu Gheorghe** (pronounced sfant-u gore-gay). First recorded in the mid-14th century by Visconti, a traveller from Genoa, this is one of the best places to sample traditional cooking; but the black caviar for which the village is famed (it is the only place in the delta where sturgeon are caught) is a delicacy reserved for religious feasts. Each August, the village hosts what is probably the world's most remote **film festival**. Check www.delta-resort.ro for info.

There are no tourist sights here and that is precisely the point. Highlights include spying on life in a traditional fishing village, listening to the frogs compete in the ponds, and making the 30-minute hike to the beach, where the Danube majestically enters the Black Sea. There are no beach services and few people – just deserted stretches of fine sand. From the dock, walk past the main square, then head

right, eastward. Alternately hop on the tractor or one of the private cars that shuttles people to the beach throughout the day.

Also of note is the architecture of the well-tended homes here, most of which have Byzantine-influenced porches under ornamental arches.

The only note of disharmony here is rung by the monstrous eyecore defacing the seascape to the north of Sfântu Gheorghe's beach. This was another Ceaușescu brainchild: believe it or not, it's a gigantic metal windmill. Meant to be among the planet's largest, it instead worked for two months before starting its main function: rusting.

### Sleeping

**Pensiune Mareea** (☎ 0744-306 389; www.mareea.go.ro; s/d with full board €52/69) The best place around is a 250m walk straight from the dock. Aside from the comfortable lodgings and scrumptious home-cooked meals, the owners offer a full range of boat excursions, from €8 per person to €120 for a four-person, full-day trip into varied landscapes. From here, boats take in both sea and lake/canal ecosystems.

There are several *cazares* and *pensiunes* here: you can accept an offer from those who greet the boat, or ask around. Wild camping is possible on the beach, but it gets very windy and it's a long 2km hike in the dark.

### Getting There & Away

At the time of writing, only ferries were making it out to Sfântu Gheorghe (see p303). The planned maxitaxi service over the dyke to Sulina has been delayed indefinitely due to the floods of 2005.

## INTO MOLDAVIA

From the Danube Delta, the cities of Galați and Brăila, administratively part of Moldavia, are the gateways to further travel to Bucharest, Transylvania (via Brașov) or Suceava and Iași. Exiting the Danube Delta region involves a short ferry across the Danube River; this is included in bus and maxitaxi (p306) prices.

### Galați & Brăila

Galați (pronounced *ga-lahts*) and Brăila are neighbouring cities near the confluence of the Danube, Siret and Prut Rivers. Perched in an unattractive backwater of Romania, at the jagged borders of Moldova and Ukraine, these two industrial cities 21km apart are merely used as

transit points between Tulcea and Transylvania or Moldavia. The cities offer better connections eastwards than further north into Moldavia.

Galați (population 325,050), home to Romania's largest steel mill, has shabby shipyards scattered for kilometres along the riverside. Massive housing complexes fill the centre and cover entire hillsides. Brăila (population 230,687) is more pleasant, though still has a run-down, slightly aggressive air. Both were once important, flourishing ports. Romania's naval fleet is paraded in Galați in all its glory every year on Navy Day, the second weekend in August.

### GETTING THERE & AWAY

In both cities, the bus and train stations are adjacent to each other. The most efficient

mode of transport to and from here is via maxitaxis. There are no longer any ferries or hydrofoils to or from Tulcea.

From Brăila, there are 20 buses or maxitaxis to Galați, 10 to Bucharest, seven to Constanța, five to Tulcea, three to Suceava and Brașov and two to Sibiu. Maxitaxis to Brașov, Constanța and Galați leave from platform 1 across the street from the main bus station. Most of these buses and maxitaxis originate in Galați, from where there's also a thrice-daily bus service to Iași.

From both cities, there are five daily trains to Bucharest (four to six hours), two to Constanța (six hours) and one to Brașov (five hours) and Oradea (17½ hours) via Suceava (seven hours), and Vatra Dornei (10 hours).

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