

Air Freight from China to Osaka

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Cargo handling on the China-Osaka lane.

For buyers shipping into Osaka, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Osaka is western Japan's commercial center; cargo enters through KIX air / Osaka sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

The clearing authority is Japan Customs (関税). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 1–3 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

What the routing looks like in practice

Japan is a fast, high-compliance lane: Shanghai and Qingdao to Tokyo or Osaka is 3–6 days by sea and often next-day by air. Clearance itself is quick, but the standards regime is unforgiving — PSE and Giteki marking must be correct before the goods ship, because there is no way to remediate at the border.

Air gateways used	NRT (Narita), HND (Haneda), KIX (Osaka Kansai)
Air transit, China to gateway	1–3 business days
Gateway serving Osaka	KIX air / Osaka sea
Inland leg to Osaka	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	1–3 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Import duty and tax position for Osaka

Japan Customs (関税) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Osaka consignees. Current regime: Consumption tax 10%; duty 0–15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food, with a de-minimis position of JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded).

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Japan: Electrical products without a valid PSE mark cannot be imported. Radio devices need Giteki certification. Amazon FBA Japan requires an Importer of Record that is not Amazon, so confirm who the IOR will be before booking a DDP move.



Handling on the KIX air / Osaka sea routing serving Osaka.

Before you book: Osaka checklist

- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Check the de-minimis position (JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded)) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Japan lane.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Osaka take?

China to the Japan gateway is 1-3 business days. On top of that, allow 1-3 days of clearance with Japan Customs (関税) and a same-day inland leg to Osaka.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Osaka?

Japan Customs (関税) applies: Consumption tax 10%; duty 0-15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food. The de-minimis position is JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded). Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Osaka.

When is the busiest time on the China-Japan lane?

Space and rates tighten around Sep–Nov, plus the China-side windows of Chinese New Year in January or February and Golden Week in early October. Book one to two weeks earlier in those periods.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Osaka?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via NRT (Narita), HND (Haneda), KIX (Osaka Kansai). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Osaka?

Yes. Delivery to a Osaka address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Japan Customs (関税), and the same-day inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfillment center or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Osaka?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight — length × width × height in centimeters divided by 6000 for air — and bill the greater of the two, rounded up to the next kilogram. Light, bulky cargo is almost always billed on volume.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Japan change by ministerial decision, sometimes mid-year. The figures on this page are buyer-planning references, not a customs ruling — confirm the current position for your own HS code with Japan Customs (関税) or your broker before you ship.

- [Japan Customs](#)
- [METI — Electrical Appliance and Material Safety Act \(PSE\)](#)

- [MIC — radio equipment certification](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)

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Shipping by industry

This page covers the route and clearance picture for the destination. Packing, classification and the compliance step that actually holds a shipment depend on what you are sending — these guides cover that by commodity.

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Checking the Japan duty position yourself

Every duty and tax figure quoted on this page is our working estimate for planning, not a ruling. The binding rate for your consignment is whatever [Japan Customs](#) applies against your declared HS code on the day of entry, and their published guidance is the source to check before you commit stock.

Most landed-cost surprises trace back to classification rather than freight. [the WCO Harmonized System](#) defines the heading structure every customs administration builds on, and [ITC Market Access Map](#) will show you the duty a given heading attracts in this destination.

On the air side, anything with a cell or a battery in it, plus liquids, powders, magnets and aerosols, is governed by [the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations](#). Those articles are not refused outright, but they need to be declared at booking so the shipment is

built correctly — declaring them late is the single most common cause of an air consignment being offloaded.

If this is your first shipment into Japan, the [Japan Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

This guide covers routing and clearance for Osaka. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

What Is Chargeable Weight in Air Freight? — Smart Logistics Network. Published on YouTube by a third party; we link it because it explains the process well, not because we produced it or endorse the provider.

Get a rate for Osaka

This lane is quoted per shipment rather than from a published rate card, because the landed cost depends on the commodity, its density, the conformity requirements above and the delivery point. Send the cargo details and we will come back with a full DDP figure.

[Request a quote](#) → [See the Japan route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Japan

📦 Cargo Weight (KG)

Enter the actual gross weight of your shipment in kilograms. If you're unsure, fill in the volume fields below and we'll calculate it for you.

Or enter volume (cm) — volumetric weight ÷ 6000

× ×

Non-integers rounded up. Larger of actual vs volumetric is used.

Number of Boxes

Total chargeable weight = weight per box × number of boxes.

⚠ When you have not filled in the volume information, our prices may be inaccurate.

China to Osaka Air Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Osaka by air freight — 1-3 business days transit, 1-3 days port dwell, duty assessed by Japan Customs ().

Get a Quote

Send the cargo details and we respond within one business day with a full DDP figure for Osaka.

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Customs clearance in Japan

Duty and tax position, certification, typical port dwell and what actually holds shipments at this border — plus who files the entry.

[Japan clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Japan

- [Shekou to Hitachinaka FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shipping a Container from Shekou to Tokyo: Cost & Transit](#)
- [Nansha to Moji FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shekou to Moji FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)

- [Shipping a Container from Shekou to Yokohama: Cost & Transit](#)
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