

Sea Freight from China to Altamira

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Sea Freight

China → Altamira · via TAM air / Altamira sea · clearance by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT



Cargo handling on the China-Altamira lane.

For buyers shipping into Altamira, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Altamira is Gulf-coast industrial and petrochemical port; cargo enters through TAM air / Altamira sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

On the destination side, Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT handles clearance; budget 4–10 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

What the routing looks like in practice

Manzanillo handles the bulk of Asia-Mexico volume and is the congestion point to watch. Two things break DDP quotes here: the importer of record must be registered on the Padrón de Importadores, and Mexico has layered temporary tariffs on a long list of Chinese-origin goods. NOM certification for regulated products is verified at the border, not after.

Sea gateways used	Manzanillo, Lázaro Cárdenas, Veracruz
Sea transit, China to gateway	16-24 calendar days
Gateway serving Altamira	TAM air / Altamira sea
Inland leg to Altamira	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4-10 days
Peak season to plan around	Aug-Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Mexico

Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Altamira consignees. Current regime: IVA 16%; duty 0-35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories, with a de-minimis position of USD 50 for courier consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Mexico: A registered importer of record is mandatory — the forwarder cannot simply act as one. Temporary tariff decrees on Chinese-origin textiles, footwear and steel change periodically; verify the current rate. NOM certification cannot be remedied after arrival.



Handling on the TAM air / Altamira sea routing serving Altamira.

Pre-shipment checklist for Altamira

- Check the de-minimis position (USD 50 for courier consignments) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Put the Altamira delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Confirm the consignee in Altamira can act as importer of record — Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Altamira take?

China to the Mexico gateway is 16–24 calendar days. On top of that, allow 4–10 days of clearance with Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT and a same-day inland leg to Altamira.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Altamira?

Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT applies: IVA 16%; duty 0–35%, with additional temporary tariffs of up to 35% applied to textiles, footwear, steel and several other Chinese-origin categories. The de-minimis position is USD 50 for courier

consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Altamira.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Altamira?

Yes. Delivery to a Altamira address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT, 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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Mexico lane?

Space and rates tighten around Aug–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.

What certification do I need for Mexico?

For regulated goods, plan for: NOM standards compliance for regulated goods; the consignee must be listed on the Padrón de Importadores. Missing conformity paperwork is the single most common cause of a hold, and in most cases it cannot be remedied once the cargo has arrived.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Altamira?

Yes. Battery cargo by sea moves under UN3480/UN3481 with an MSDS, and the dangerous-goods documentation is prepared as part of the booking into Manzanillo, Lázaro Cárdenas, Veracruz. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Mexico 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 Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT or your broker before you ship.

- [Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México \(ANAM\)](#)
- [SAT — foreign trade](#)
- [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 \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)

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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 Mexico duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Agencia Nacional de Aduanas de México (ANAM) and SAT against your declared HS code at the time of entry; where the amount is material, verify the current rate through [ITC Market Access Map](#) before committing to an order.

Classification drives everything downstream: the same carton can attract very different duty depending on the heading it lands in, and the structure those headings come from is [the World Customs Organization Harmonized System](#). If your product sits near a boundary between two headings, resolve it before shipping rather than at the border.

For ocean cargo, restricted commodities move under [the IMO's IMDG Code](#), and the container has to be declared and stowed accordingly. Batteries, flammables and corrosives all have a compliant ocean path; what causes rolled bookings is finding out about

them after the container is packed.

If this is your first shipment into Mexico, the [Mexico 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 Altamira. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Marine Insurance Explained - Understand the Cargo Insurance You're Getting — ABTS®. 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 Altamira

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.

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Freight Rates to Mexico

☞ 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.

Sea Freight to Altamira, Mexico: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Altamira, Mexico. Transit 16–24 calendar days to the gateway, 4–10 days dwell, same day inland. Duty, documents and packing.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Mexico

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

[Mexico clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Mexico

- [Ningbo-Lazaro Cardenas Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Ningbo-Manzanillo Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)

- [Ningbo-Veracruz Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Shanghai to Lazaro Cardenas FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Shanghai to Veracruz Container Shipping — 40NOR Rates](#)
- [Shanghai-Altamira Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)