

Sea Freight from China to Mandalay

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China → Mandalay · via MDL air / Thilawa sea · clearance by Myanmar Customs Department



Cargo handling on the China-Mandalay lane.

Freight from China into Mandalay clears through MDL air / Thilawa sea. Mandalay is upper Myanmar trading center and China land-trade hub, and allow +2 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Myanmar Customs Department handles clearance; budget 7-14 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

What the routing looks like in practice

Yangon is the only meaningful sea gateway, and the Muse–Ruili land border with Yunnan carries a large share of China–Myanmar trade when it is open. Border status and banking channels change with little notice on this lane, so confirm both the crossing and

the payment route at the time of booking rather than relying on last quarter's arrangement.

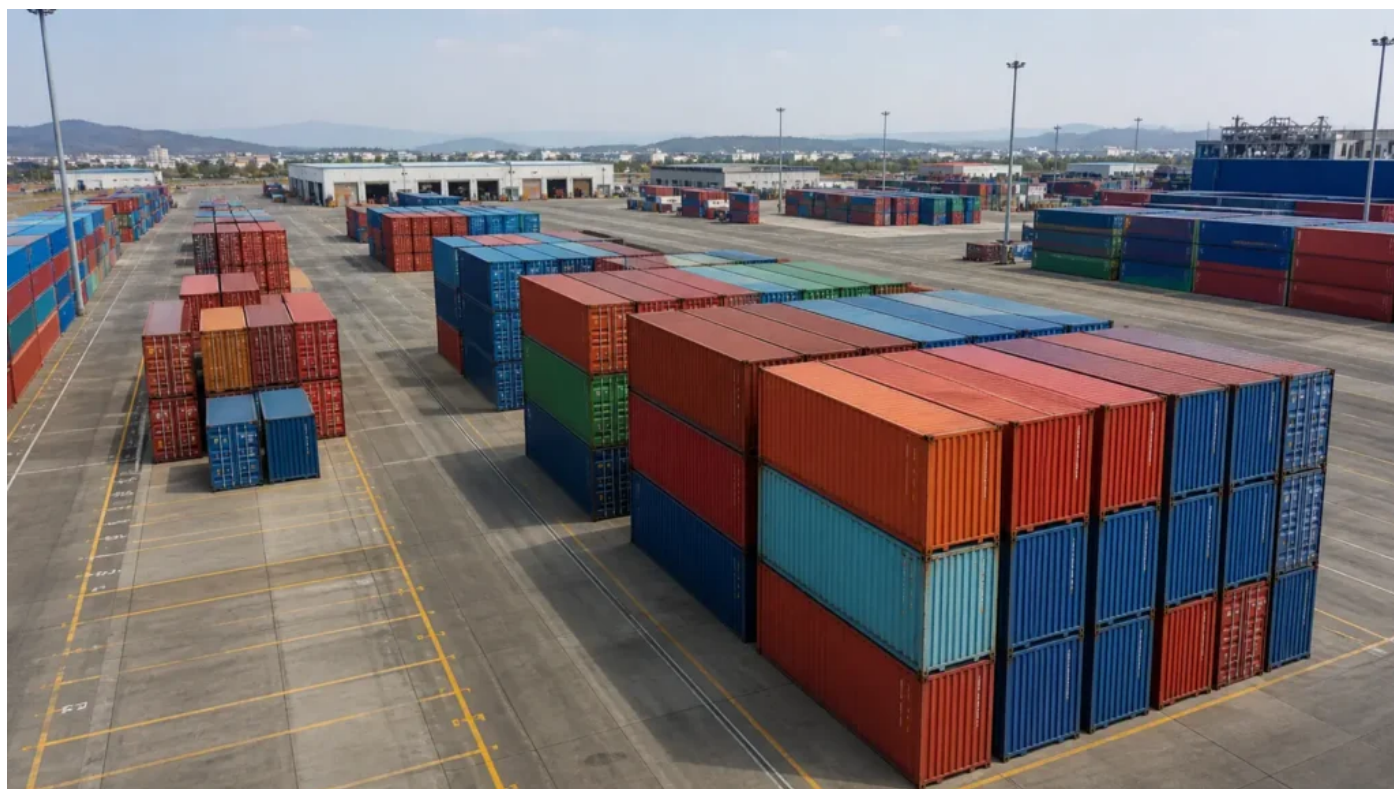
Sea gateways used	Yangon (Thilawa and MITT)
Sea transit, China to gateway	7-12 calendar days
Gateway serving Mandalay	MDL air / Thilawa sea
Inland leg to Mandalay	+2 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	7-14 days
Peak season to plan around	Oct-Dec

Duty, tax and clearance into Mandalay

Imports into Myanmar are cleared by Myanmar Customs Department. The headline position is: Commercial tax 5%; duty 0-40%; advance income tax of 2% on imports. The de-minimis threshold is No practical de-minimis.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Import license required for most commodity groups; FDA registration for food, drugs and cosmetics. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Myanmar: An import license is required for most commercial goods and must be issued before arrival. Foreign-currency and banking restrictions can delay duty settlement, which directly affects DDP feasibility. Confirm sanctions screening on the consignee before shipping.



Handling on the MDL air / Thilawa sea routing serving Mandalay.

Pre-shipment checklist for Mandalay

- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- Confirm the consignee in Mandalay can act as importer of record — Myanmar Customs Department will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Budget for the inland leg: +2 days beyond gateway clearance to reach Mandalay.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Oct-Dec, when space on this lane tightens.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Mandalay take?

China to the Myanmar gateway is 7–12 calendar days. On top of that, allow 7–14 days of clearance with Myanmar Customs Department and a +2 days inland leg to Mandalay.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Mandalay?

Myanmar Customs Department applies: Commercial tax 5%; duty 0–40%; advance income tax of 2% on imports. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Mandalay.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Mandalay?

Yes. Delivery to a Mandalay address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Myanmar Customs Department, and the +2 days 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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Mandalay?

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 Yangon (Thilawa and MITT). Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

What documents does Myanmar Customs Department require?

A commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading or air waybill, a certificate of origin where it lowers duty, and any product certification (Import license required for most commodity groups; FDA registration for food, drugs and cosmetics). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Mandalay?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 7–12 calendar days by sea versus 3–6 business days by air to the Myanmar gateway, before clearance and the +2 days inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Myanmar

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Myanmar 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 Myanmar Customs Department or your broker before you ship.

- [Myanmar Customs Department](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)

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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 Myanmar duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Myanmar Customs Department 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.

If you want to sanity-check a duty figure yourself, start from the heading rather than the product name — [the WCO Harmonized System](#) is the underlying nomenclature, and [the WTO Tariff & Trade Data portal](#) holds the applied rates by country pair.

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.

On the origin side, export declaration and any commodity inspection requirement fall under [China Customs \(GACC\)](#); we handle that filing as part of the service, but the requirement is theirs, not ours.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Sea Freight from China: How to import from China to your country via Ocean Shipping — SINO Shipping. 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 Mandalay

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 Myanmar route page →](#)

Freight Rates to Myanmar

✚ 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

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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 Mandalay, Myanmar: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Sea Freight from China to Mandalay, Myanmar. Transit 7-12 calendar days to the gateway, 7-14 days dwell, +2 days 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 Mandalay.

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Customs clearance in Myanmar

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

[Myanmar clearance requirements](#) →

Priced routes to Myanmar

- [Shekou-Yangon Sea Freight: Container Rates and Schedule](#)
- [Ship Shanghai to Yangon — FCL Container Cost from China](#)