

Shipping from China to Ciudad del Este

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Cargo handling on the China–Ciudad del Este lane.

Ciudad del Este is the free-trade re-export city on the Brazilian border, and it is served through ASU air / Montevideo transit. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — allow +3 days for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 5–12 days.

How this lane actually runs

Paraguay is served by the Paraná–Paraguay river barge system from Montevideo or Buenos Aires, one of the longest inland waterway movements used in regular commerce. Ciudad del Este on the Brazilian border operates a re-export regime that has made Paraguay a redistribution point for Chinese consumer electronics into Brazil and Argentina — a genuinely distinctive feature

of this lane.

Air gateways used	ASU (Asunción)
Air transit, China to gateway	5-8 business days
Sea gateways used	Landlocked — via Montevideo or Buenos Aires, then Paraná river barge to Asunción
Sea transit, China to gateway	35-48 calendar days including the river leg
Gateway serving Ciudad del Este	ASU air / Montevideo transit
Inland leg to Ciudad del Este	+3 days from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Ciudad del Este

Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Ciudad del Este consignees. Current regime: IVA 10%; Mercosur common external tariff 0-35%, with a reduced regime for goods re-exported through Ciudad del Este, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: INTN conformity for regulated goods; import registration required. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Paraguay: River barge schedules are seasonal and low water can suspend service. The Ciudad del Este re-export regime has its own tax treatment — confirm which regime applies before quoting.



Handling on the ASU air / Montevideo transit routing serving Ciudad del Este.

Air, sea or overland into Ciudad del Este?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	5–8 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	35–48 calendar days including the river leg	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Paraguay gateway and excludes the +3 days inland leg to Ciudad del Este and 5–12 days of clearance.

What to sort out before the cargo leaves China

- 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 Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.
- Confirm the consignee in Ciudad del Este can act as importer of record — Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: INTN conformity for regulated goods; import registration required.

Mode guides for Ciudad del Este

- [➔ Air Freight to Ciudad del Este](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Ciudad del Este](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Ciudad del Este take?

China to the Paraguay gateway is 5-8 business days by air, 35-48 calendar days including the river leg by sea. On top of that, allow 5-12 days of clearance with Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay and a +3 days inland leg to Ciudad del Este.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Ciudad del Este?

Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay applies: IVA 10%; Mercosur common external tariff 0-35%, with a reduced regime for goods re-exported through Ciudad del Este. The de-minimis position is No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Ciudad del Este.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Ciudad del Este?

Yes. Delivery to a Ciudad del Este address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay, and the +3 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.

When is the busiest time on the China-Paraguay 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Ciudad del Este clear through?

Cargo for Ciudad del Este is routed via ASU air / Montevideo transit. Sea gateways for Paraguay are Landlocked — via Montevideo or Buenos Aires, then Paraná river barge to Asunción; air gateways are ASU (Asunción). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Ciudad del Este?

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.

Other delivery cities in Paraguay

- [China to Asuncion](#)
- [China to Encarnacion](#)
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- [China to Luque](#)

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Paraguay 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 Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay or your broker before you ship.

- [Dirección Nacional de Aduanas](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)
- [ICC — Incoterms 2020 rules \(DDP, DAP, FOB definitions\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)

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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 Paraguay duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay 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 Ciudad del Este. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

FCL vs LCL Shipping: When to Switch (Break-Even Point Explained) — Max Antonov. 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 Ciudad del Este

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 →](#)

Freight Rates to Paraguay

📦 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.

Ciudad del Este, Paraguay Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay — ASU air / Montevideo transit gateway, Dirección Nacional de Aduanas de Paraguay clearance, +3 days onward. Sea and air both covered.

Get a Quote

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

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Customs clearance in Paraguay

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

[Paraguay clearance requirements →](#)