

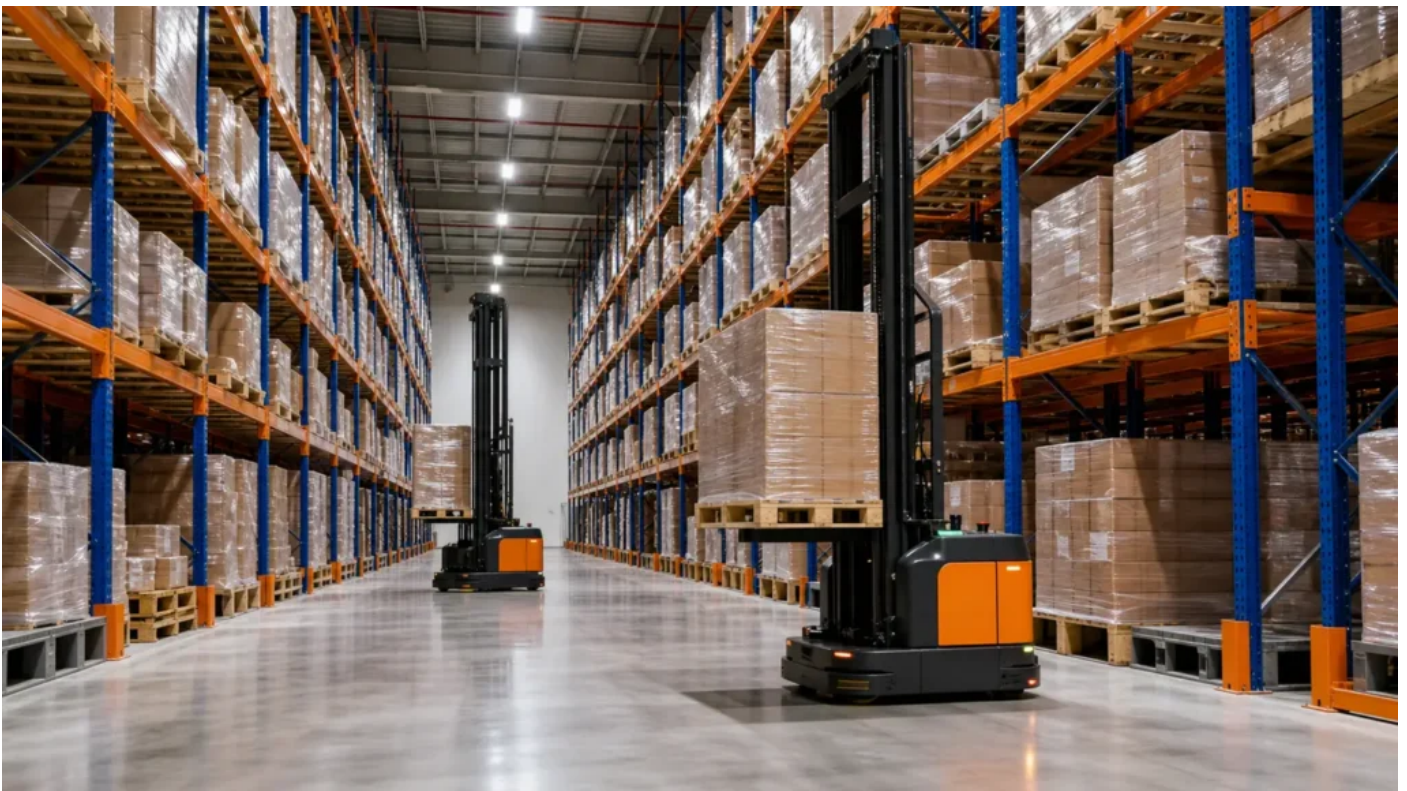
Shipping from China to Honiara

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Cargo handling on the China-Honiara lane.

For buyers shipping into Honiara, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Honiara is capital and the main port; cargo enters through HIR air / Honiara sea, and the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

Clearance itself is handled by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 5-12 days.

What the routing looks like in practice

Honiara is served by feeder from Brisbane, Port Moresby or Singapore. Port handling capacity is limited and berth availability, rather than sailing time, is often what delays cargo. Inter-island distribution beyond Honiara requires local coastal shipping and

should be quoted separately.

Air gateways used	HIR (Honiara Henderson)
Air transit, China to gateway	6–10 business days
Sea gateways used	Honiara, Noro
Sea transit, China to gateway	20–30 calendar days
Gateway serving Honiara	HIR air / Honiara sea
Inland leg to Honiara	Same day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5–12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

Duty, tax and clearance into Honiara

Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Honiara consignees. Current regime: GST 15%; duty 0–20% depending on commodity, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Solomon Islands: Limited port capacity and berth congestion affect schedules.

Inter-island delivery beyond Honiara is a separate arrangement. Biosecurity clearance required.



Handling on the HIR air / Honiara sea routing serving Honiara.

Air, sea or overland into Honiara?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
➔ Air Freight	6-10 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
🚢 Sea Freight	20-30 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Solomon Islands gateway and excludes the same-day inland leg to Honiara and 5-12 days of clearance.

Pre-shipment checklist for Honiara

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.
- 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.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight (L×W×H ÷ 6000) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Solomon Islands lane.

Mode guides for Honiara

- [✈ Air Freight to Honiara](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Honiara](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Honiara take?

China to the Solomon Islands gateway is 6–10 business days by air, 20–30 calendar days by sea. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division and a same-day inland leg to Honiara.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Honiara?

Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division applies: GST 15%; duty 0–20% depending on commodity. 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 Honiara.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Honiara?

Yes. Delivery to a Honiara address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division, 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–Solomon Islands 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.

What documents does Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division 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 (Biosecurity clearance; import permits for controlled goods). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Honiara?

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 Solomon Islands

- [China to Auki](#)
- [China to Gizo](#)
- [China to Noro](#)

[All Solomon Islands freight information →](#)

References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Solomon Islands 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 Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division or your broker before you ship.

- [Customs and Excise Division](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965–970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)

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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.

- [Medical Furniture Medical, Laboratory & Precision Instruments](#)
- [Display Stands Retail, Display & Commercial Fixtures](#)
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- [Baby Products Consumer Goods & Gifts](#)
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- [Prefabricated Building Building Materials & Construction Products](#)

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Checking the Solomon Islands duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division 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.

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.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

Bill of Lading Explained (BOL) | Types, Components & Full Beginner Guide | Shipping Document — 10 Min For Supply Chain.

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 Honiara

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 Solomon Islands

✚ 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.

Honiara, Solomon Islands Import Freight: Gateway, Duty & Time

What it takes to land cargo in Honiara, Solomon Islands — HIR air / Honiara sea gateway, Solomon Islands Customs and Excise Division clearance, same day 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 Honiara.

[WhatsApp Us Send Inquiry →](#)

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Customs clearance in Solomon Islands

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

[Solomon Islands clearance requirements](#) →