

Air Freight from China to Kairouan

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China → Kairouan · via TUN air / Rades sea · clearance by Douane Tunisienne



Cargo handling on the China-Kairouan lane.

For buyers shipping into Kairouan, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Kairouan is interior regional center; cargo enters through TUN air / Rades sea, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

On the destination side, Douane Tunisienne handles clearance; budget 5–12 days of dwell before the cargo is released.

What you will pay on arrival in Tunisia

Douane Tunisienne assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Kairouan consignees. Current regime: VAT 19%; duty 0–36%, plus consumption tax on selected goods, with a de-minimis position of No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Tunisia: Offshore versus onshore company status changes duty treatment entirely. Foreign-exchange authorisation can delay settlement. Technical control applies to electrical and consumer goods.

How this lane actually runs

Radès handles most container volume, generally with Asian cargo transshipped through Malta, Gioia Tauro or Marsaxlokk. Tunisia's offshore manufacturing regime, used heavily by textile and automotive suppliers, gives duty relief on inputs that are re-exported — confirm which regime the consignee is operating under before quoting.

Air gateways used	TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir)
Air transit, China to gateway	4-7 business days
Gateway serving Kairouan	TUN air / Rades sea
Inland leg to Kairouan	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	5-12 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep-Nov



Handling on the TUN air / Rades sea routing serving Kairouan.

Before you book: Kairouan checklist

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories.
- Check the de-minimis position (No practical de-minimis for commercial cargo) against your invoice value before you decide how to split the shipment.
- Confirm the consignee in Kairouan can act as importer of record — Douane Tunisienne will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- 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.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Tunisia duty rate against it yourself.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kairouan take?

China to the Tunisia gateway is 4–7 business days. On top of that, allow 5–12 days of clearance with Douane Tunisienne and a +1 day inland leg to Kairouan.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Kairouan?

Douane Tunisienne applies: VAT 19%; duty 0–36%, plus consumption tax on selected goods. 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 Kairouan.

What documents does Douane Tunisienne 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 (Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Kairouan?

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.

What certification do I need for Tunisia?

For regulated goods, plan for: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories.

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.

When is the busiest time on the China–Tunisia 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.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Tunisia 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 Douane Tunisienne or your broker before you ship.

- [Douane Tunisienne](#)
- [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 Tunisia duty position yourself

Duty and tax figures on this page are planning estimates. The binding assessment is made by Douane Tunisienne 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.

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.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

How to Check Import Tariffs for Any Country | HS Code Lookup Tutorial 2026 — Vixnk - English. 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 Kairouan

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 Tunisia

⚖ 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.

Air Freight to Kairouan, Tunisia: Transit Time, Duty & Clearance

Air Freight from China to Kairouan, Tunisia. Transit 4–7 business days to the gateway, 5–12 days dwell, +1 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 Kairouan.

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Customs clearance in Tunisia

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

[Tunisia clearance requirements →](#)