

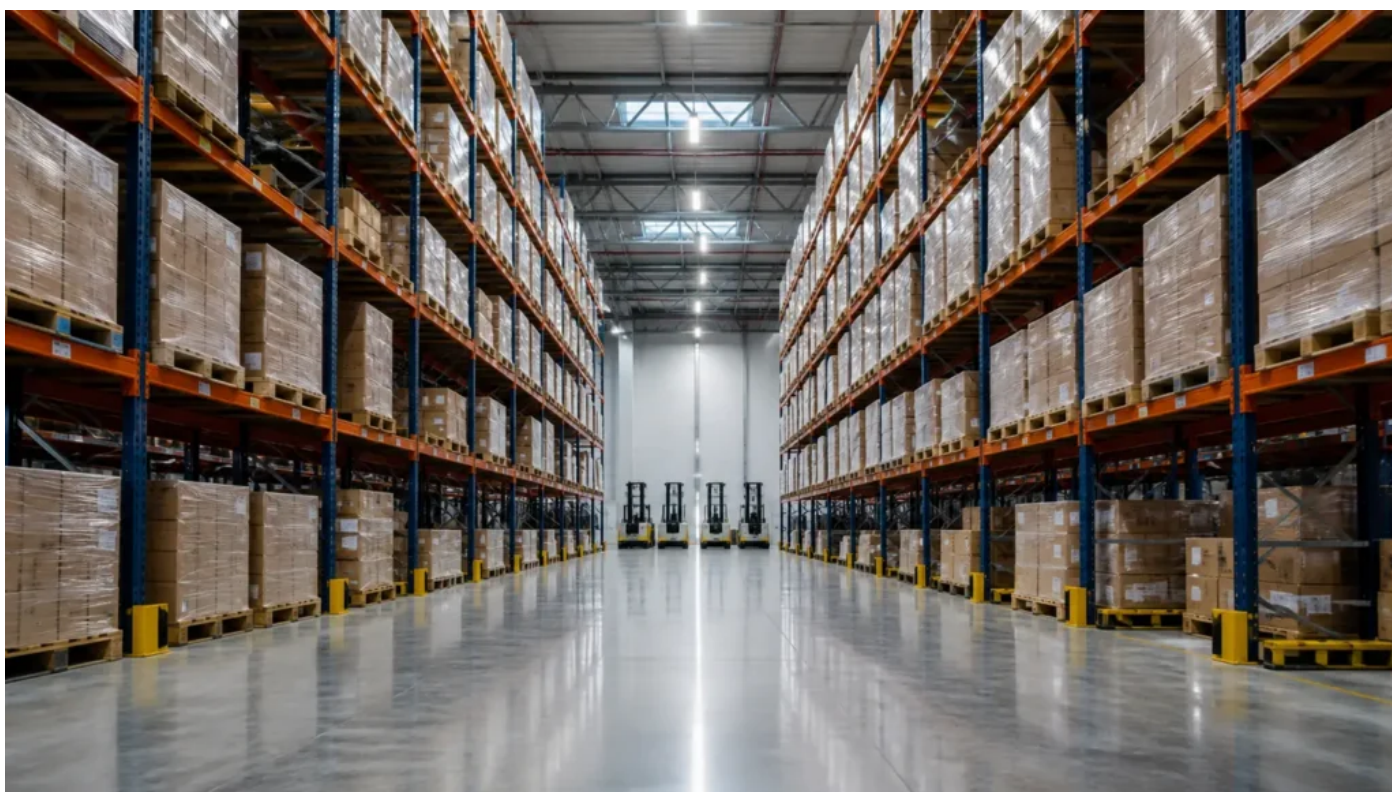
Shipping from China to Kairouan

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



Cargo handling on the China-Kairouan lane.

We move freight cargo from South China into Kairouan through TUN air / Rades sea. Kairouan is interior regional center, which shapes the kind of cargo that moves on this lane and how it should be packed.

The clearing authority is Douane Tunisienne. Historical dwell on this gateway is around 5-12 days, and it lengthens in Sep-Nov.

Duty, tax and clearance into Kairouan

Imports into Tunisia are cleared by Douane Tunisienne. The headline position is: VAT 19%; duty 0-36%, plus consumption tax on selected goods. The de-minimis threshold is 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.

Routing and transit on this lane

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
Sea gateways used	Radès, Sfax, Bizerte
Sea transit, China to gateway	24-32 calendar 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

- Confirm the consignee in Kairouan can act as importer of record — Douane Tunisienne will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- 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.
- Put the Kairouan delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Tunisia duty rate against it yourself.

Air, sea or overland into Kairouan?

Mode	Transit to gateway	Best suited to
→ Air Freight	4–7 business days	time-critical, high-value and low-volume cargo
☐ Sea Freight	24–32 calendar days	volume cargo where cost per kilo matters more than speed

Transit shown is China departure to the Tunisia gateway and excludes the +1 day inland leg to Kairouan and 5–12 days of clearance.

Mode guides for Kairouan

- [➔ Air Freight to Kairouan](#)
- [🚢 Sea Freight to Kairouan](#)

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kairouan take?

China to the Tunisia gateway is 4–7 business days by air, 24–32 calendar days by sea. 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 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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Kairouan?

Yes. Delivery to a Kairouan address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to Douane Tunisienne, and the +1 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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Kairouan clear through?

Cargo for Kairouan is routed via TUN air / Rades sea. Sea gateways for Tunisia are Radès, Sfax, Bizerte; air gateways are TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

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.

Other delivery cities in Tunisia

- [China to Tunis](#)
- [China to Sfax](#)
- [China to Sousse](#)
- [China to Bizerte](#)
- [China to Gabes](#)

[All Tunisia freight information →](#)

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.

- [E-commerce Fulfilment E-commerce & Retail Channels](#)
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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.

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 Kairouan. The video below covers the wider shipping process that sits around it.

Bills of Lading 101 - What Is a Bill of Lading — Flexport. 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.

Shipping from China to Kairouan, Tunisia: Cost & Transit

Shipping to Kairouan: gateway TUN air / Rades sea, +1 day inland after release, duty assessed by Douane Tunisienne. Transit, documents and restrictions.

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 →](#)