

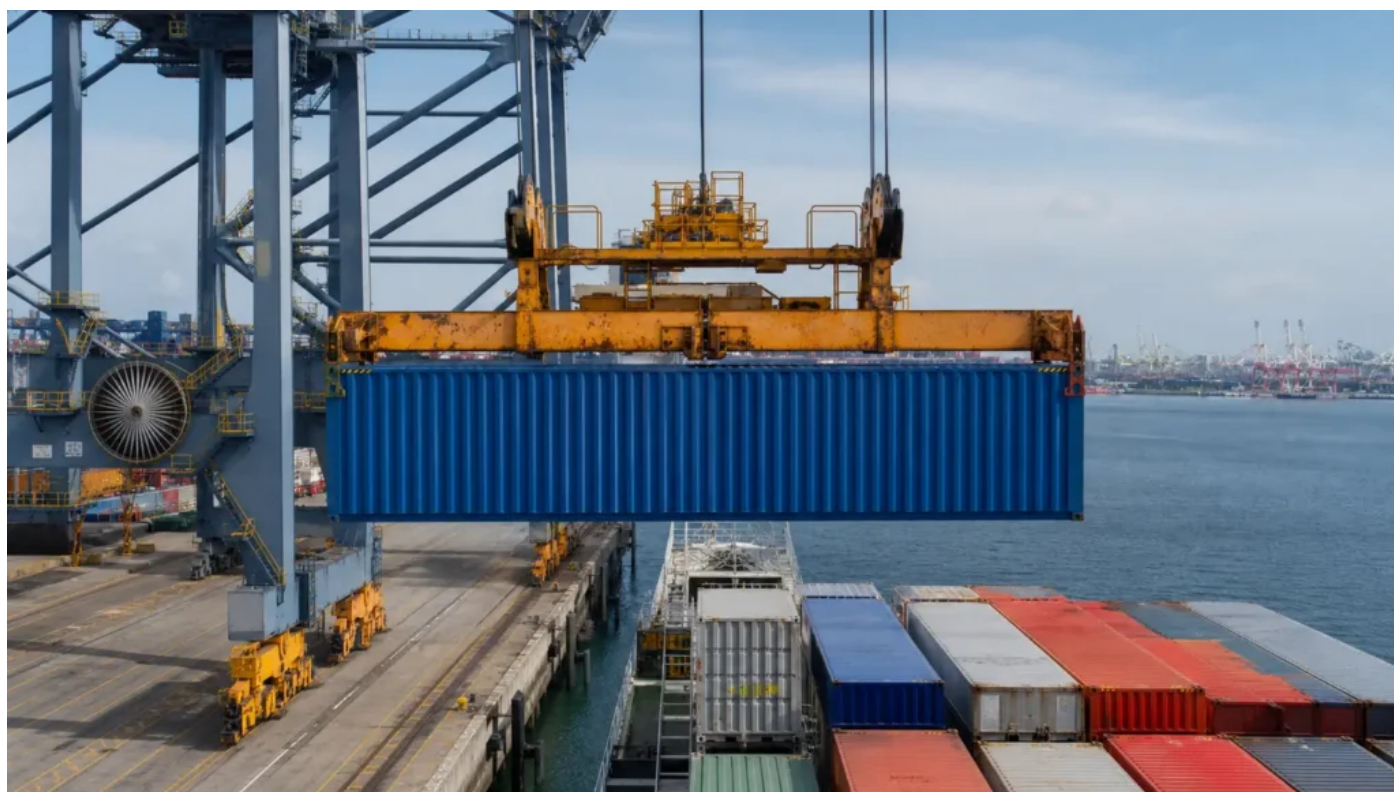
Sea Freight from China to Kairouan

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



Cargo handling on the China-Kairouan lane.

Freight from China into Kairouan clears through TUN air / Rades sea. Kairouan is interior regional center, 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.

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.

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

- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Tunisia duty rate against it yourself.
- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Kairouan.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep–Nov, when space on this lane tightens.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories.
- Use ISPM-15 treated pallets. Untreated wood is the most common reason otherwise-clean cargo gets held.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Kairouan take?

China to the Tunisia gateway is 24–32 calendar 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.

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.

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.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Kairouan?

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 Radès, Sfax, Bizerte. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

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.

Other delivery cities in Tunisia

- [China to Tunis](#)
- [China to Sfax](#)

- [China to Sousse](#)
- [China to Bizerte](#)
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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.

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

How to Calculate CBM in Shipping | Volume vs Weight Explained | CBM Formula & Freight Cost Guide — 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 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.

China to Kairouan Sea Freight: Rates, Transit and Clearance

Moving cargo to Kairouan by sea freight — 24–32 calendar days transit, 5–12 days port dwell, duty assessed by Douane Tunisienne.

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 →](#)