

Air Freight from China to Tunis

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



Cargo handling on the China-Tunis lane.

Tunis is capital and the main commercial market, and it is served through TUN air / Rades sea. That combination is what actually sets your delivery date on this lane — the inland leg is same-day, so the clearance date is effectively the delivery date.

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

Import duty and tax position for Tunis

Douane Tunisienne assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Tunis 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.

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
Gateway serving Tunis	TUN air / Rades sea
Inland leg to Tunis	Same 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 Tunis.

Pre-shipment checklist for Tunis

- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: Technical control certificate for regulated goods; import authorisation for controlled categories.
- Ask for the HS code in writing from your supplier and verify the Tunisia duty rate against it yourself.
- Confirm the consignee in Tunis can act as importer of record — Douane Tunisienne will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Compare gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) — the higher figure is what gets billed on air and express.
- Declare lithium batteries, magnets, liquids and powders up front — retro-declaring after booking usually means re-planning the whole shipment.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Tunis 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 same-day inland leg to Tunis.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Tunis?

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 Tunis.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Tunis?

Yes. Battery cargo by air follows IATA PI 965–970 depending on how the cells are packed, and moves on certified channels via TUN (Tunis Carthage), MIR (Monastir). Surcharges apply and the declaration has to be made before booking.

How is the chargeable weight calculated for Tunis?

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.

Which port or airport does cargo for Tunis clear through?

Cargo for Tunis 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.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Tunis?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 24–32 calendar days by sea versus 4–7 business days by air to the Tunisia gateway, before clearance and the same-day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

Other delivery cities in Tunisia

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

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

Air freight and volumetric weight. What is dimensional, chargeable or volumetric weight? — Train Learn Grow. 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 Tunis

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.

Tunis Air Freight, Tunisia: Cost, Transit & Customs

Air Freight to Tunis: 4-7 business days in transit, cleared by Douane Tunisienne, same day to the door. What the rate covers and what it does not.

Get a Quote

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

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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 →](#)