

Sea Freight from China to Hue

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China → Hue · via DAD air / Da Nang sea · clearance by General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan)



Cargo handling on the China–Hue lane.

For buyers shipping into Hue, the practical question is not the ocean or flight time but what happens after arrival. Hue is central heritage city with light manufacturing; cargo enters through DAD air / Da Nang sea, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

The clearing authority is General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan). Historical dwell on this gateway is around 2–5 days, and it lengthens in Sep–Nov.

Routing and transit on this lane

Vietnam is the shortest deep-sea lane out of South China — Shekou to Hai Phong is often 3–5 days. Northern Vietnam is also served overland through the Youyi Guan (Pingxiang) and Mong Cai crossings, which suits LCL and urgent replenishment for the Bac Ninh and Bac Giang electronics cluster.

Sea gateways used	Hai Phong, Cat Lai (Ho Chi Minh City), Cai Mep–Thi Vai
Sea transit, China to gateway	3–7 calendar days
Gateway serving Hue	DAD air / Da Nang sea
Inland leg to Hue	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	2–5 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov

What you will pay on arrival in Vietnam

General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan) assesses duty and tax on cargo arriving for Hue consignees. Current regime: VAT 8–10%; duty 0–35%, with 0% available on most tariff lines under ACFTA/RCEP with a valid Form E, with a de-minimis position of VND 1,000,000 (roughly USD 40) on express parcels.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: Form E certificate of origin to claim ACFTA duty relief; MIC/Circular 04 type approval for radio equipment; energy-efficiency labeling for appliances. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Vietnam: Used machinery is subject to Decision 18/2019 age limits. Cosmetics need a product announcement filed by the consignee. Duty relief under Form E is only granted if the origin document matches the invoice exactly — a very common cause of held shipments.



Handling on the DAD air / Da Nang sea routing serving Hue.

Pre-shipment checklist for Hue

- Budget for the inland leg: +1 day beyond gateway clearance to reach Hue.
- Put the Hue delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- 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.
- Photograph carton markings and seal numbers before departure — it makes any claim far easier to settle.
- Book earlier than the transit time suggests during Sep-Nov, when space on this lane tightens.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Hue take?

China to the Vietnam gateway is 3–7 calendar days. On top of that, allow 2–5 days of clearance with General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan) and a +1 day inland leg to Hue.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Hue?

General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan) applies: VAT 8–10%; duty 0–35%, with 0% available on most tariff lines under ACFTA/RCEP with a valid Form E. The de-minimis position is VND 1,000,000 (roughly USD 40) on express parcels. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Hue.

Is sea freight cheaper than air freight into Hue?

Per kilo, yes — usually by a wide margin. The trade-off is time: 3–7 calendar days by sea versus 2–4 business days by air to the Vietnam gateway, before clearance and the +1 day inland leg. The crossover point is normally somewhere between 100 and 300 kg depending on the density of your cargo.

When is the busiest time on the China–Vietnam 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.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Hue?

Yes. Delivery to a Hue address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan), 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 Hue clear through?

Cargo for Hue is routed via DAD air / Da Nang sea. Sea gateways for Vietnam are Hai Phong, Cat Lai (Ho Chi Minh City), Cai Mep–Thi Vai; air gateways are SGN (Ho Chi Minh City), HAN (Hanoi), DAD (Da Nang). We pick whichever gives the shortest total door time for your address.

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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Vietnam 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 General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan) or your broker before you ship.

- [General Department of Vietnam Customs](#)

- [Ministry of Industry and Trade](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IPPC — ISPM 15 wood packaging standard](#)
- [WCO — Harmonized System nomenclature](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)

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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 Vietnam duty position yourself

We publish these figures so you can budget, but the assessment that binds is the one [General Department of Vietnam Customs](#) makes on your declaration. Where a shipment is large enough that a percentage point matters, check their current tariff guidance rather than ours.

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.

If this is your first shipment into Vietnam, the [Vietnam Country Commercial Guide](#) covers the practical import environment in more depth than a rate page reasonably can, and it is written by a party with no stake in your booking.

Watch: the process behind this route

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

LCL vs FCL | Difference Between Full Container Load & Less than Container Load | Which is better ? — 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 Hue

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](#) → [See the Vietnam route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Vietnam

☞ 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.

Hue Sea Freight, Vietnam: Cost, Transit & Customs

Sea Freight to Hue: 3-7 calendar days in transit, cleared by General Department of Vietnam Customs (Tổng cục Hải quan), +1 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 Hue.

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Customs clearance in Vietnam

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

[Vietnam clearance requirements →](#)

Priced routes to Vietnam

- [Shekou to Qui Nhon FCL Ocean Freight Rates | 20GP & 40HQ](#)
- [Ship Nansha to Qui Nhon — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shekou to Da Nang — FCL Container Cost from China](#)
- [Ship Shekou to Hai Phong — FCL Container Cost from China](#)

- Ship Yantian to Cai Mep — FCL Container Cost from China
- Shipping a Container from Nansha to Cai Mep: Cost & Transit