

Sea Freight from China to Buenaventura

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China → Buenaventura · via BOG air / Buenaventura sea · clearance by DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales



Cargo handling on the China-Buenaventura lane.

Freight from China into Buenaventura clears through BOG air / Buenaventura sea. Buenaventura is the Pacific port that handles most Asian container volume, and allow +1 day for the inland leg on top of clearance.

Clearance itself is handled by DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales, and typical dwell at the gateway runs 4–10 days.

Duty, tax and clearance into Buenaventura

Imports into Colombia are cleared by DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales. The headline position is: IVA 19%; duty 0–20%, with a 10–40% tariff applied to some textile and footwear imports. The de-minimis threshold is USD 200 for courier

consignments.

Conformity is the part most first-time importers underestimate: INVIMA registration for food, cosmetics and medical devices; conformity certificates for regulated electricals. Getting this wrong is expensive because it usually cannot be fixed after the cargo has landed.

Restrictions and known friction points for Colombia: Textile and footwear tariffs are set to discourage undervaluation — customs valuation challenges are common. INVIMA registration must be held by the consignee before arrival for regulated goods.

What the routing looks like in practice

Cartagena on the Caribbean coast is the fastest and best-connected gateway, and it is the natural choice for Bogotá and Medellín despite the inland trucking. Buenaventura on the Pacific is closer to Cali but has a heavier congestion history. Textile and footwear imports carry protective tariffs designed to slow low-priced Asian goods, so classify these carefully.

Sea gateways used	Cartagena, Buenaventura, Barranquilla
Sea transit, China to gateway	26–34 calendar days
Gateway serving Buenaventura	BOG air / Buenaventura sea
Inland leg to Buenaventura	+1 day from the gateway
Typical clearance / dwell	4–10 days
Peak season to plan around	Sep–Nov



Handling on the BOG air / Buenaventura sea routing serving Buenaventura.

Before you book: Buenaventura checklist

- Confirm the consignee in Buenaventura can act as importer of record — DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales will not release cargo to an unregistered party.
- Get the conformity paperwork moving early: INVIMA registration for food, cosmetics and medical devices; conformity certificates for regulated electricals.
- 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.
- Put the Buenaventura delivery address, contact name and phone number on the invoice, not just the packing list.
- Plan around the China-side windows too: Chinese New Year and Golden Week both compress capacity on the Colombia lane.

Frequently asked questions

How long does shipping from China to Buenaventura take?

China to the Colombia gateway is 26-34 calendar days. On top of that, allow 4-10 days of clearance with DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales and a +1 day inland leg to Buenaventura.

What duty and tax will I pay importing into Buenaventura?

DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales applies: IVA 19%; duty 0-20%, with a 10-40% tariff applied to some textile and footwear imports. The de-minimis position is USD 200 for courier consignments. Under a DDP arrangement these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival in Buenaventura.

Can you ship batteries or sensitive cargo to Buenaventura?

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 Cartagena, Buenaventura, Barranquilla. Surcharges apply and space is more limited than for general cargo.

Can you deliver door-to-door in Buenaventura?

Yes. Delivery to a Buenaventura address is quoted as one figure covering freight, duty and tax owed to DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales, and the +1 day inland leg. Confirm whether your consignee wants the goods at a warehouse, a marketplace fulfilment centre or a shop front, because the last-mile requirement differs.

What certification do I need for Colombia?

For regulated goods, plan for: INVIMA registration for food, cosmetics and medical devices; conformity certificates for regulated electricals. 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.

What documents does DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales 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 (INVIMA registration for food, cosmetics and medical devices; conformity certificates for regulated electricals). We prepare and file these as part of the service.

Other delivery cities in Colombia

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- [China to Medellin](#)
- [China to Cali](#)
- [China to Barranquilla](#)
- [China to Cartagena](#)
- [China to Bucaramanga](#)
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References & official sources

Duty rates, thresholds and conformity requirements for Colombia 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 DIAN — Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales or your broker before you ship.

- [DIAN](#)
- [WTO — Tariff Profiles \(applied MFN duty by country\)](#)
- [IMO — IMDG Code for dangerous goods by sea](#)
- [IATA — Lithium battery shipping guidance \(PI 965-970\)](#)
- [World Bank — Logistics Performance Index](#)

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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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FCL Container Rates — China to Buenaventura

Live port-to-port ocean freight for a full container into Buenaventura, by origin port. Ocean freight only — origin haulage, customs clearance and destination delivery are quoted separately.

Ningbo → Buenaventura

Container	Rate (USD)
40HQ	6,387

- ETD: 2026-08-25, 2026-08-29
- Carrier: MSK

[Full route page — Ningbo to Buenaventura →](#)

Qingdao → Buenaventura

Container	Rate (USD)
40HQ	5,900

- ETD: 2026-08-22
- Carrier: MSK

[Full route page — Qingdao to Buenaventura →](#)

Tianjin → Buenaventura

Container	Rate (USD)
40HQ	On request

- ETD: 2026-08-30

[Full route page — Tianjin to Buenaventura →](#)

Spot allocations move week to week — reconfirm the rate against the current sailing before booking.

Price Trend — Buenaventura

Live rate for the linked route page, shown here for a quick read before you click through.

Get a rate for Buenaventura

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 Colombia route page](#) →

Freight Rates to Colombia

Current published rates — USD

☐☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

40HQ USD 6,387.00

Updated 2026-08-14

☐☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

40HQ USD 5,900.00

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☐☐ SEA

Sea · FCL Port-to-Port (Spot)

40HQ *On Request*

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📦 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 $\div 6000$

× ×

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.