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☐ Sea Freight

Door-to-door transit 25-45 calendar days. Duty and final delivery are inside the published rate.

Sea Freight from China to Container Rates starts at USD 185.0 per kilogram, with door-to-door transit of 25-45 calendar days. A 100 kg shipment works out at roughly USD 18,500 including duty, clearance by the destination customs authority, and final delivery.

Rate from

USD 185.0/kg

Transit time

25-45 calendar days

Destination

Container Rates, Japan

Customs authority

the destination customs authority

Duty-free threshold

JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded)

Published channel rate for planning. The final quote depends on chargeable weight, cargo class and HS code.

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☐ Current Freight Rates

Last updated: **2026-08-14**

USD per KG

Weight / Volume	Rate (USD / KG)
20GP	USD 280.00
40HQ	USD 420.00

Trade Terms Explained — Who Pays for What

The rate above is quoted on one specific trade term. Change the term and you change how much of the journey to Japan is already inside the price. The table below maps the eleven common Incoterms® against the twelve cost stages of a door-to-door shipment, so you can see exactly where our responsibility ends and yours begins.

- **Seller** — Cost and arrangement sit with the seller / shipper.
- **Buyer** — Cost and arrangement sit with the buyer / consignee.
- **Negotiable** — Not fixed by the rule — agree it in the contract.

Responsibility for each shipment stage under each Incoterms rule

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
EXW Ex Works	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck	Buyer Buyer — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FCA Free Carrier	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to port of export	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FAS Free Alongside Ship	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Buyer Buyer — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
FOB Free On Board	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Buyer Buyer — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
CFR Cost and Freight	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Buyer Buyer — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Seller Seller — Cargo insurance	Buyer Buyer — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
CPT Carriage Paid To	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination
CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Seller Seller — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination
DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Buyer Buyer — Loading on truck at import	Buyer Buyer — Carriage to destination
DAP Delivered At Place	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination

Term	1 Loading on truck	2 Export customs declaration	3 Carriage to port of export	4 Unloading at port of export	5 Loading on vessel / aircraft	6 Main carriage	7 Cargo insurance	8 Unloading at port of import	9 Loading on truck at import	10 Carriage to destination
DDP Delivered Duty Paid	Seller Seller — Loading on truck	Seller Seller — Export customs declaration	Seller Seller — Carriage to port of export	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of export	Seller Seller — Loading on vessel / aircraft	Seller Seller — Main carriage	Negotiable Negotiable — Cargo insurance	Seller Seller — Unloading at port of import	Seller Seller — Loading on truck at import	Seller Seller — Carriage to destination

EXW Ex Works

Buyer takes over at the seller's door and carries every cost from there. Lowest quoted price, highest buyer workload.

FCA Free Carrier

Seller clears the goods for export and hands them to the carrier the buyer nominated.

FAS Free Alongside Ship

Sea and inland waterway only. Seller delivers alongside the vessel; loading is on the buyer.

FOB Free On Board

Sea and inland waterway only. Risk passes once the goods are on board. The most common buying term.

CFR Cost and Freight

Seller pays the main carriage but carries no insurance obligation; risk still passes on loading.

CIF Cost, Insurance and Freight

As CFR, plus the seller must buy and pay for cargo insurance (minimum cover unless you agree more).

CPT Carriage Paid To

Any mode. Seller pays carriage through to the named destination; insurance is not obligatory.

CIP Carriage and Insurance Paid

As CPT, plus the seller must insure the cargo through to the named destination.

DAT Delivered At Terminal (DPU)

Seller delivers unloaded at the named terminal. Renamed DPU (Delivered at Place Unloaded) in Incoterms® 2020.

DAP Delivered At Place

Seller delivers to your address ready for unloading; import clearance and duty stay with the buyer.

DDP Delivered Duty Paid

Seller carries everything through to your door, duty and tax included. Highest quoted price, least buyer workload.

Two things worth flagging. Under CIF and CIP the seller is obliged to buy cargo insurance and pay the premium; under every other term insurance is optional, and we recommend buyers arrange their own cover so a loss or damage in transit is recoverable. And this table is a working summary for planning purposes — the binding definitions are the ones published by the International Chamber of Commerce in the Incoterms® rules, so confirm the exact term wording in your sales contract before you ship.

Service Details

Shekou → Kobe — Current FCL Container Rate

This page carries our live port-to-port FCL rate from Shekou (中国) to Kobe, Japan. The figures below are ocean freight for a full container on the Intra-Asia — Japan lane and are refreshed from the carrier rate sheet each time it is reissued.

Rate by Container Type

- **20'GP** — USD 180 all-in ocean freight
- **40'HQ** — USD 320 all-in ocean freight

Sailing Details

- Carrier / NVOCC allocation: STIC
- Next ETD out of Shekou: weekly sailings
- destination free time confirmed at booking
- Routing: per carrier schedule — direct or transshipment as noted on the booking confirmation



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i Additional Information

What the Rate Covers

The published figure is **ocean freight, port to port**. It does not include origin haulage to Shekou, origin customs declaration, destination customs clearance, duty and VAT, or destination delivery — those are quoted separately once the commodity and Incoterm are confirmed.

- Basis: one full container, 20'GP (20' standard container) / 40'HQ (40' high-cube container)
- Currency: USD, per container (not per KG or per CBM)
- Rate validity follows the carrier's sheet — spot allocations move week to week, so reconfirm before the cut-off
- Dangerous goods, out-of-gauge and reefer cargo are priced separately

Booking Notes

- Container release and cut-off dates are tied to the specific ETD shown above
- Demurrage and detention start once the destination free time expires
- Space on discounted spot allocations is limited; the rate holds only while the allocation lasts.

📦 China to Japan — Shipping Reference Data

Main sea gateways	Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka
Destination customs authority	Japan Customs (国)
De-minimis / duty-free threshold	JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded)
Import tax & duty regime	Consumption tax 10%; duty 0–15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food
Local currency	JPY
Typical clearance / dwell time	1–3 days
Peak / busy season	Sep–Nov
Conformity & certification	PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items

Thresholds and duty bands are buyer-planning references, not formal customs rulings — confirm the exact HS-code rate for your goods before shipping.

📦 Free 3D Loading Tools for This Sea Route

This page covers a Sea freight service from China to Japan. Use the matching tool below to plan your cargo before requesting a quote.

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3D Container Loading Planner

Sea freight to Japan prices by CBM or container — plan your 20GP/40GP/40HQ loading in 3D, compare utilization, and see exactly how many cartons fit before you commit to a booking.

[Open Container Planner →](#)

📋 Japan Sea Freight Checklist

- Ask whether the quote includes destination port charges in Japan or only ocean freight.
- Check pallet vs floor-loading: floor loading typically fits 8-12% more cartons per container.
- Declare accurate gross weight — VGM misdeclaration delays vessels and triggers fines.
- Photograph the container number, seal, and loading process for insurance evidence.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does Sea FCL Port-to-Port (Spot) from China to Japan take?

Sea freight on this route runs about 25–45 calendar days door-to-door, plus roughly 1–3 days of clearance/dwell once it reaches the gateway. All times include customs clearance under DDP terms.

What duties and taxes apply when importing into Japan?

Clearance is handled by Japan Customs (関税). The regime is: Consumption tax 10%; duty 0–15% on most manufactured goods, higher on leather, footwear and food, with a de-minimis position of JPY 10,000 customs value (some categories excluded). Under DDP these are pre-paid, so nothing is collected on arrival.

How is the shipping cost on this route calculated?

We compare actual gross weight against volumetric weight ($L \times W \times H \div 6000$) and charge the greater, rounded up to the next kilogram, then apply the per-KG rate shown in the table above.

Can you ship special cargo (batteries, branded goods) to Japan?

Yes — battery goods by sea follow UN3480/UN3481 rules with an MSDS; we prepare the dangerous-goods paperwork as part of DDP into Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka. Surcharges apply.

In what currency is this route priced and paid?

Freight is quoted and invoiced in USD; the destination-side currency is JPY. Payment is typically due before departure, and DDP means you settle the full landed cost once.

What documents are required for customs clearance in Japan?

Japan Customs (関税) typically requires a commercial invoice with HS codes, a packing list, the bill of lading/air waybill, a certificate of origin (may lower duty), and any product certification (PSE mark for electrical appliances; Giteki/MIC certification for radio devices; Food Sanitation Act notification for food-contact items). We file these under DDP.

Historical Price Records

All price updates are recorded here. Use the weekly tabs to browse older entries.

Date	20GP	40HQ
2026-08-14 Latest	USD 280.00	USD 420.00

Price Trend 1 data point

Customer Reviews

What customers say about shipping to Japan with us.

Japan

★★★★★ 4.3 / 5 — Very Good (19 reviews)

★★★★

M***i** Japan

★★★★★ 5

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Japan for mixed cartons. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. The booking process was straightforward and the team confirmed documents early. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

February 16, 2026 ✓ Verified

★★★★

R***i** Japan

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Japan with a mid-volume order. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

October 14, 2025 ✓ Verified

★★★★

Y***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Japan for mixed cartons. The shipment timeline was communicated clearly. Pickup from the supplier was arranged quickly and customs stayed under control. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

September 3, 2025

★★★★

H***o** Japan

★★★★★ 5

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Japan. The shipment timeline was communicated clearly. The booking process was straightforward and the team confirmed documents early. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

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June 21, 2025 ✓ Verified

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D***i** Japan

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We used this route for a regular replenishment to Japan. The shipment timeline was communicated clearly. Cartons arrived clean and labels were still readable on delivery. A practical option when we need predictable landed cost.

May 24, 2025 ✓ Verified

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M***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Japan for mixed cartons. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. Tracking updates were not excessive, but they came when something important changed. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

April 29, 2025 ✓ Verified

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M***i** Japan

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

This was a DDP shipment to Japan for mixed cartons. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. The landed price stayed aligned with the quote, which helped our budgeting. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

April 7, 2025 ✓ Verified

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A***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Japan with a mid-volume order. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. Transit was close to the estimate and the destination delivery appointment was handled well. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before.

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February 28, 2025 ✓ Verified

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A***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Japan with a mid-volume order. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. Tracking updates were not excessive, but they came when something important changed. Better coordination than the forwarder we used before.

February 1, 2025 ✓ Verified

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T***a** Japan

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Japan through this team. The shipment timeline was communicated clearly. Tracking updates were not excessive, but they came when something important changed. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

January 27, 2025 ✓ Verified

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A***a** Japan

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

We tested this lane to Japan with a mid-volume order. The shipment timeline was communicated clearly. Tracking updates were not excessive, but they came when something important changed. Overall a reliable experience for repeat imports.

January 25, 2025 ✓ Verified

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T***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Booked another door-to-door shipment to Japan through this team. Packaging quality was consistent across cartons. The landed price stayed aligned with the quote, which helped our budgeting. Would use the same line again for general cargo.

January 21, 2025

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T***o** Japan

★★★★★ 5

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Quick turnaround and great packaging. My goods arrived in perfect condition and ahead of the estimated delivery date.

January 16, 2025 ✓ Verified

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Y***a** Japan

★★★★★ 4

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Good service overall. The freight cost was competitive and the clearance process was handled well.

January 4, 2025 ✓ Verified

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H***i** Japan

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Very reliable for importing electronics. The declared value process was handled professionally and duties were prepaid.

December 21, 2024 ✓ Verified

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K***e** Japan

★★★★★ 3.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Delivery was a few days behind schedule but goods arrived in perfect condition. The DDP coverage was genuinely all-inclusive.

December 4, 2024

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M***o** Japan

★★★★★ 3.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

The price was competitive. Had a slight issue with customs documentation but it was resolved without extra cost.

November 16, 2024

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S***o** Japan

★★★★★ 4.7

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Great tracking visibility throughout the shipment. The team answered questions promptly via WhatsApp.

October 29, 2024 ✓ Verified

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R*****i Japan

★★★★★ 4.3

Supplier Service★★★★★

On-time Shipping★★★★★

Goods Quality & Transit★★★★★

Solid option for sea freight. Communication could be slightly faster but no major issues.

October 11, 2024 ✓ Verified

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We deliver beyond the arrival gateway. Each city below has its own destination guide covering the gateway it clears through, typical inland transit time and the local customs picture.

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Shipping Japan cargo by industry

This rate is for the lane. What decides whether the cargo arrives intact is the commodity — how it prices, how it must be packed and loaded, and which compliance step holds it at the border. These guides cover that per industry.

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