

Port Pair (CN → QA)	Distance (nm)	Sailing Days	ETD Window	Door-Door Lead-Time
Shenzhen Shekou → Hamad Port	6 400	16	Wed/Sat	18-23 days
Shanghai Yangshan → Hamad Port	7 200	18	Sun/Tue	20-25 days
Ningbo → Hamad Port	7 100	18	Mon/Thu	20-25 days
Qingdao → Hamad Port	7 600	19	Fri	21-26 days
Guangzhou Nansha → Doha Old Port (barge)	6 500	17	Thu	22-28 days
LCL Consolidation	—	+2-4 vs FCL	Daily CFS cut-off	22-32 days

Service Specs

- **Destination ports:** Hamad Port (Phase 2, 16 m draft, 7×8 000 TEU berths) & Doha Old Port (8 m draft, barge feeder)
- **Vessel loops:** MSC Swan, COSCO AME, OOCL Qatar, Maersk ME3; 8 500–24 000 TEU class
- **Max container wt:** 28.2 t payload / 30.5 t gross (20GP); 28.8 t / 32.5 t (40HQ)
- **Reefer plugs:** 2 800 at Hamad, 240 at Doha; pre-trip inspection (PTI) 6 h, genset monitoring free 72 h
- **Transit-free zone:** 25 000 m² CFS inside Hamad logistics park, immediate GCC road access to Saudi Causeway
- **Customs:** Qatar Unified Portal (Al-Dhareeba) – 100 % electronic, green lane ≤ 4 h if docs pre-cleared
- **Import duty:** 5 % general, 0 % under GCC-FTA for 847 HS codes; VAT 5 %
- **Export docs:** Bill of Lading, COO (Form A), SASO if applicable, insurance certificate
- **Add-ons:** Doha city delivery within 2 h, same-day cross-dock to Bahrain & Saudi Eastern Province
- **Security:** ISO 17712 seal + optional GPS tracker; Hamad Port ISPS Level 2 compliant

- **Free time:** 10 calendar days demurrage + 10 days detention (combined 20 days) prepaid option

Product Snapshot

Qatar imports > USD 2 bn of Chinese goods yearly—machinery, furniture, steel, EVs and electronics. Our Qatar Ocean Direct product secures weekly vessel space out of South China, East China and North China with fixed 18-28-day door-door lead-times. Hamad Port's 16 m draft accepts the newest 24 K-TEU mega-ships, cutting trans-shipment delays common in Jebel Ali or Salalah. Bilingual ops teams in Shenzhen and Doha lodge import manifests 48 h pre-arrival, guaranteeing green-lane customs and first-available delivery slots into Doha Industrial Area or Al-Wakrah logistics zone.

Product Details

1. Port & Terminal Highlights

- **Hamad Port** (Umm Al-Houl) - Qatar's primary gateway, 7 container berths, 4 million TEU annual capacity, 3 million m³ logistics park, on-dock reefer yard, direct motorway to Doha (40 km, 35 min).
- **Doha Old Port** - inner-city harbour, handles feeders & project cargo, barge relay from Hamad for LCL, max LOA 200 m.
- **Al-Ruwais & Mesaieed** - available for OOG and break-bulk by special arrangement.

2. Sailing Schedule (Oct-Dec 2025)

- **South China Express (SCQX):** ETD Shekou Wed, ETA Hamad Sun; 18-day door-door including 2-day Qingdao call.
- **East China Express (ECQX):** ETD Shanghai Sun, Ningbo Mon, through Suez; ETA Hamad Thu; 20-day door-door.
- **Gulf Bridge (GFBX):** ETD Qingdao Fri, Busan Sat, Singapore Mon, ETA Hamad Wed; 21-day door-door.

3. Transit Benchmarks vs Competition

- Market average via Jebel Ali trans-ship: 30-35 days.

- Our direct call saves 7-10 days and eliminates trans-ship risk.

4. Value-Added Services

- **Qatar Customs pre-clearance** - we file HS codes & value 3 days pre-arrival; green lane probability 95 %.
- **DDP (Delivered-Duty-Paid)** option - duty & VAT prepaid, receiver only unloads.
- **Cold-chain package** - reefer monitoring, temp log, Halal-certified cold storage 3 000 pallet spaces.
- **Project cargo** - Hamad Port has 1 000 t mobile crane, 40 m beam, permits 48 h.
- **Reverse cargo** - Qatar exports LNG-equipment spares, petro-chemicals, aluminium ingots; we offer back-haul rates to China.

5. Price Reference (Aug 2025)

- **FCL 20GP**: USD 1 650 Shekou → Hamad, USD 2 150 Shanghai → Hamad (O/F + THC + DOC + ENS).
- **FCL 40HQ**: USD 2 450 / USD 3 100 respectively.
- **LCL**: USD 85/m³, 1 m³ min, CFS both ends included.
- **Doha local delivery**: THB 1 200/TEU within 30 km, next-day service.