



Stars on Rails – a. hartrodt's rail service to the Far East and back

Rediscover the ancient trading routes between the Far East and Europe. Have your cargo moved quickly and conveniently between China, Central Asia and Europe. Cheaper than airfreight, quicker than sea freight. This tried and tested route combines modern technology with traditional rail links to offer an effective alternative to standard sea freight.

Advantages at a glance:

- **Faster** than ocean vessels (for example: regular transit time by rail from Dalian, China to Hamburg takes approx 19 days, by sea approx 38 days)
- For big loads, rail transport is **cheaper** than airfreight.

Our rail routes:

★★★ Polaris Train (Northern route)

Fixed Star Polaris lies closest to the north pole and was used by ancient trek leaders to navigate their route between East and West. It gives its name to our Northern route from China via Russia to Germany.

★★★ Sirius Train (Southern route)

Sirius is the brightest fixed star on the night sky and was used by seafaring captains and trek leaders alike to navigate. For us, it marks the first Southern route: China - Kazakhstan - Russia - Germany.



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Route samples:

- Distance Hamburg/Munich ↔ Zhengzhou 7 x per week**
- Distance Duisburg/Hamburg ↔ Shenyang 1 x per week**
- Distance Hamburg ↔ Hefei 2 x per week**
- Distance Nuremberg/Tilburg ↔ Chengdu 1 x per week**
- Distance Hamburg/Duisburg/Mannheim – Xi'an 1 x per week**

Forwarding by short sea possible on the Chinese side to Japan, Taiwan and Korea and on the European side between Bremerhaven and St. Petersburg.

Forwarding of your goods within Europe is of course possible.

Transit times:

Please ask us about actual departures as well as regular transit times for any specific route. The latter ranges from 14 to 25 days approximately.

The places of arrival/departure mentioned here are only examples of our services. Many other cities are available, please feel free to ask us for your required departure/arrival city combination.

Please note that at present 20ft Containers can only be accepted in pairs. Single 20ft Containers can only be booked on stand-by and will be transported only if a matching 20 ft Container is available.