

JOURNEYS ADOPTION PROGRAM COMPARISON CHART

Country	Age requirement of adoptive parent(s)	Family size restrictions	Marital status of adoptive parent(s)	Type of care	Approximate Ages of children coming home	Approximate time before child comes home (after dossier is in the country)	Travel required	Approximate total cost (assumes two adults are traveling)
DOMESTIC	Birth parents' choice Generally 25-45	Birth parents generally choose family with 0-1 child	Married or Single (Birth parents generally choose couples)	Usually go home with adoptive family from hospital	Mainly newborn Occasionally toddler & older	Varies because birth parents choose family (60% of placements occur within 6 months - 97% within 1 year of being home study ready)	<u>Yes</u> , if birth mother is in another state <u>No</u> , if birth mother is in the same state	\$29,000 (Does not include adoption finalization with a private attorney, child's medical expenses at hospital at birth, & travel at time of match, birth and subsequent visits with birth family). Special needs and special cases can vary
INDIA	One parent must be at least 25, but neither parent older than 55	2-4 children, or case by case	Married Couples must be married at least 2 years at time of application Single women	Orphanage for the most part	Toddlers and older	8-12 months	<u>Yes</u> , escort possible, but very rare	\$36,000
UGANDA	25 and older At least 21 years older than child	No restrictions on family size	Married or Single Singles must adopt same gender (exceptions when adopting siblings)	Small Orphanage	Infants less than one year and up	4-6 months	<u>Yes</u> , 2 trips highly recommended, although 1 may be possible Approximately 3 – 5 weeks total	\$34,400 If adopting additional siblings - add \$2,500 per child Additional attorney fees for siblings
COLOMBIA	25 – 45 & up depending on age of child adopted At least 15 years older than child Over age 45 may adopt older children	For older child, case-by-case For young child up to age 7, no more than 2 young children at home	Married Couples 2 years No more than 2 divorces each Single women can adopt age 8 & up	Foster Homes Mostly Orphanage Occasionally	Infants/Toddlers 0 – 35 months Children 3 – 15 years Sibling groups of varied ages	Dependent upon child's age: Age 8 up, 6-9 mos. Age 7, 9-12 mos. Age 6, 24 mos. Age 5, 36 mos. Age 3-4, 48+ mos. Up to 2, 48+ mos.	<u>Yes</u> , both parents must travel. One may return home after 10 days, but one must stay until adoption completed 3-5 weeks	\$28,800 (does not include post-adopt fees, which vary) If adopting more than one child, add \$2,000 per child

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CHINA	30-45 for infant 45-50 for toddler 50-55 special needs only	4 or fewer children at home (exception for special needs)	Married Couples 2 years if first marriage for both, 5 years if either married previously Single Women for special needs only	Orphanage for the most part	12 months, toddlers and older	56 months for healthy children 9-12 months for special needs	<u>Yes</u> , 1 parent must travel 14 day trip	\$31,500
BULGARIA	Up to 55 years old for married couples Singles must be at least 25	No restrictions on family size	Married or Single	Orphanage	20-24 months	3 years for healthy children 6-8 months for special needs	<u>Yes</u> , 2 trips 5-7 days Escort possible	\$34,250