

Adoptive Country Dashboard

Country Name	Advantages of Program	Available Children	Parent Requirements	Travel Requirements	Time Frame
Kazakhstan	<p>Kazakhstan has a reputation of providing orphans with excellent mental and physical care. Children are generally in a good health. Both, boys and girls, are available for adoption. The incidence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is very low. Short wait time. Kazakhstan is politically and economically stable country.</p>	<p>Potential children from Kazakhstan can be as young as twelve months or younger and are Eurasian, Asian, or Caucasian in appearance. Sibling groups are available</p>	<p>Married couples and single women are accepted for this program, although there are some eligibility requirements related to age, medical history, and prior criminal histories. If you are taking a prescription medication for any psychological diagnosis — including depression, we need to know this up front. In addition, if there is any prior arrest record or prior criminal charge, please discuss this with us. If your history shows any arrest, regardless of how long ago it occurred, Kazakhstan officials will not accept you. Only potential parents that can obtain a FBI fingerprint card with the stamp “No Arrest Record” can receive approval in Kazakhstan.</p>	<p>Kazakhstan is a 3 trip process. On trip 1 during the first 15 days, both parents are required to meet regularly with their child to verify that they are bonding and that the child meets their criteria. Your documents are then submitted to the court and a hearing is scheduled for about 4 weeks later. At this time you may return home. Trip 2 (court trip) is about 3-4 days long. You will be able to go back home right after your court hearing. The judge’s decision becomes official after 15 days and the staff then works on getting the child’s new birth certificate, passport and exit documents. The child is typically ready to be brought home about 30 days after the court. It is possible for only one parent to return to Kazakhstan when the child is ready to travel or arrange for an escort to bring adopted child to the United States.</p>	<p>It generally takes about 9-12 months to complete the adoption process. First, you will need to complete your Home study, get CIS (formerly INS) approval and prepare your dossier for Kazakhstan. Then, we translate your dossier and sent to the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Washington DC (4 weeks). After we receive your registered dossier from the Embassy, it will be sent to our representative in Kazakhstan and processed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education (4-6 weeks). Once we get a Letter of Invitation for you from the Ministry of Education, you can apply for your visas and travel to Kazakhstan.</p>
Ukraine	<p>There are many children available and in general, the care in the orphanages tends to be good. Many families are looking for children with European roots and Ukraine gives these families the opportunity to adopt such children. There are no referrals; families select a child from a database of children who are available for adoption. The adoption can be completed in one trip. Ukraine is the least expensive Eastern European program for adopting Caucasian children.</p>	<p>Children become available for international adoption at 14 months of age. Healthy toddlers, both boys and girls are available. Older and special needs children are also available for adoption from Ukraine. Sibling groups are available</p>	<p>Married couples only and at least one spouse must be under 50 at time of adoption. The age difference between an adoptive parent and child must be no more than 45 years.</p>	<p>Two trips, 10 days each, 3 weeks a part or one trip of ~4 weeks. The first trip includes visit Ukraine Adoption Center in Kiev to review information on available children, travel to region Adoption Center referred you to and meet your child. Go to Ukrainian court to legalize adoption. At the second trip – pick up your child, visit Central Hospital for child’s physical in Kiev, visit American Embassy and return home</p>	<p>After the Dossier is complete, and it is sent to Ukrainian Center of Adoption which is the State Department for Adoption and Protection of the Rights of the Child (SDA), the process of adoption may take between 6 to 8 months.</p>

<p>Russia</p>	<p>Adoption from Russia has become very stable. Referrals are made from a database of children who are available for adoption.</p>	<p>Children become available for referral to foreigners after being on the Federal Data Bank (FDB) for 8 months. Children of all ages may be adopted after being on the FDB for 8 months. Families should be open to a child up to three years of age.</p>	<p>Married couples and single women are accepted for this program. A guideline regarding age is that the youngest parent is no more than roughly 45 years older than the child. No serious medical or mental conditions- i.e. no current depression</p>	<p>Two trips- three trips; first trip approx. one week, second trip approx. 2-3 weeks or you may leave and only one parent must return after the 10 day post court waiting period.</p>	<p>Under usual situations, an adoption may take 9-12 months to complete including. After the dossier is submitted, a referral is usually made within 3-6 months.</p>
<p>Nepal</p>	<p>Nepal provides excellent and nurturing care to children in orphanages. Healthy children, both boys and girls, are available for adoption from Nepal. The incidence of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is very low. Nepal opens to married and single parents. All adoptions in Nepal are processed by the Government authorities.</p>	<p>Infants will be approximately ten months old when they arrive home and are referred when they are at least four months old. Toddlers and older children, up to ten years of age are also available. Applicants with one child must adopt a child of the opposite gender. Applicants with both a boy and a girl cannot adopt. Applicants with multiple children of one gender can adopt a child of the opposite gender. Single women with a child must adopt a younger child. Applicants with no children can choose gender. Siblings when available will be placed in a childless home only.</p>	<p>Couples and single women between the ages of 30 to 45 qualify to adopt a healthy infant. Couples and single women between the ages of 45 to 50 qualify to adopt a healthy toddler. Couples and single women between the ages of 50 to 55 qualify to adopt a child two years old and older. Married couples need to have been married four years. Single women who are 35 to 55 years old may adopt. Couples may have 1 divorce each. Income must be minimum of \$30,000 per year</p>	<p>Two trips are required to adopt from Nepal. The first trip to Nepal requires a minimum of ten business days. During this time, you will visit the U.S. Embassy and begin the adoption paperwork. The second trip, usually occurs about a month later, also requires about ten working days. You will bring your child home with you when you return from your second trip to Nepal. Or you can stay in Nepal 4-5 weeks and complete your adoption in one trip.</p>	<p>Referrals take about two to six months (depending on the age of the child you specify), and the legal process in Nepal takes about two months.</p>
<p>Poland</p>	<p>The Polish authorities are fairly flexible regarding the requirements for the adoptive parents. Referrals are made from a database of children who are available for adoption. Generally this program is better for those seeking older children, sibling groups or is open to children with special needs.</p>	<p>Poland. Sibling groups and special needs children are also available for adoption from Poland. Detailed and usually accurate information about children's medical and psychological condition are presented with referrals. Children generally have light colored skin and hair.</p>	<p>Married couples and single women can adopt. Couples must adopt the child jointly and must have been married for at least 5 years. Women may be up to 40 years older than the child, and fathers can be up to 45 years older than the child.</p>	<p>Travel to Poland is necessary in order to complete the adoption and 2 trips are required. Both parents must travel to Poland for approximately three weeks. Polish law requires both adoptive parents to be present for at least part of the court procedure, which involves two hearings. The court requires that both parents meet the child before the adoption. Once the final hearing has been held and the adoption is approved, a 21-day waiting period is imposed before the adoption is finalized. After the adoptive parents have the final court decree, they may apply for a Polish passport for the child and proceed to the U.S. Embassy for visa processing. Most parents spend at least three weeks in Poland during the final adoption process.</p>	<p>It may take from 12 to 18 months to complete the adoption process from Poland.</p>