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# A Quick Look at Our Adoption Programs

## DOMESTIC ADOPTION QUICKLOOK

Youngest age of children available	Average time of completion	Age requirements for parents	Length of marriage required	Application Fee	1st Homestudy Fee (Due at 1st homestudy visit)	2nd Homestudy Fee (Due at last homestudy visit)	Program Fee Payment 1 (Due when profile is submitted)	Program Fee Payment 2 (Due when matched with a birthmother)	Placement Fee (Due at placement)	TOTAL Lifeline Adoption Fees	TOTAL Lifeline Adoption Fees
Infant	2-4 years	Under 50	3 years	\$300	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$16,000	\$27,500	\$350 per update

\*For information on additional fees and an in-depth look at domestic adoption fees, please visit [LifelineChild.org/adoption/domestic/fees/](http://LifelineChild.org/adoption/domestic/fees/).

## INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION QUICKLOOK

\*This chart is a quick look at each program designed to help you compare and contrast different aspects of each country. For more in depth information on our programs, please visit [lifelinechild.org](http://lifelinechild.org)

Country	Youngest Age of Children Available	Average Time of Completion	In Country Travel	Number of Trips Needed	Age Requirements For Parents	Number of Children in Home	Length of Marriage Required	Sibling Groups Available	Post Adoption Requirements	Agency Fees	3rd Party Fees	Travel Fees	Total Approximate Cost (before tax credit)
Brazil	0-5 years <sub>7</sub>	2-3 years	6-8 weeks	1	15 years older than the child	n/a	2 years	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 4 visits	\$14,550	\$16,879	\$12,910	\$44,339
Bulgaria	2-6 years	24 months	5 days (1st trip) 10 days (2nd trip)	2	15 years older than the child	n/a	follow state requirements	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 5 visits	\$14,550	\$14,500.13	\$10,030	\$39,070.13
China	12 months at referral <sub>7</sub>	12-24 months	10-14 days	1	30-55 years (exceptions for upper age limit)	Max of 5, youngest at least 3 years old.	2 years, 5 years if history of 2 divorces	Rarely (twins)	Yes: 6 visits	\$14,550	\$13,163	\$7,022	\$34,735
Colombia	18-24 months <sub>7</sub>	24-36+ months	5-7 weeks <sub>10</sub>	1	25+ years	n/a	3 years	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 4 visits	\$14,550	\$14,729	\$12,110	\$41,389
Costa Rica	18-24 months <sub>7</sub>	18-30 months	5-6 weeks	1	25-60 years	n/a	3 years	Yes	Yes: 3 years, 6 visits	\$14,550	\$13,654	\$13,000	\$41,204
Dominican Republic	12-18 months	3-4 years	4-6 months	1	30-60 years	n/a	5 years	Rarely	Yes: 5 years, 6 visits	\$14,550	\$15,449	\$19,800	\$49,799
Haiti	24-36 months	3+ years	14 days (1st trip) 7 days (2nd)	2	30-50 years <sub>8</sub>	n/a	5 years	Yes	Yes: 5 visits	\$14,550	\$18,524	\$7,175	\$40,249
*Honduras	24-36 months	2-4 years	10 days (1st trip) 4-6 weeks (2nd)	2	25-60 years	If > 3, must show you're able to provide.	3 years	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 6 visits; every year until age 14	\$14,550	\$13,134	\$14,200	\$41,884
Hong Kong	6-12 months	14-24 months	4-5 days	1	25+ years	n/a	3 years (5 years if history of divorce)	Rarely	Yes: 6 months, 3 visits	\$14,550	\$3,904	\$4,500	\$22,954

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Hungary	2 years	12-18 months	6 weeks	1	16 years older than child but no more than 45 years old	n/a	1 year	Yes	Yes: 1 year, 2 visits	\$14,550	\$17,864	\$11,900	\$44,314
India	6-24 months	18-36+ months	14 days	1-2	25-55 years	Max of 4	2 years	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 8 visits	\$14,550	\$15,082	\$10,800	\$40,432
Kyrgyzstan	6 years	12-24 months	36-40 days	3	21-60 years	n/a	1 year	Yes	Yes: 3 years, 5 visits	\$14,550	\$17,179	\$13,550	\$45,279
Macedonia	12 months	18-24 months	30 days (1st trip), 2 weeks (2nd)	2	18-45 years older than the child	n/a	1 year	Yes	TBD	\$14,550	\$15,409	\$10,500	\$40,459
*Peru	18-24 months <sub>7</sub>	24-30 months	28 days	1	25-55 years	n/a	2 years	Yes	Yes: 4 years, 8 visits	\$14,550	\$11,054.75	\$11,300	\$36,904.75
Poland	3 years	12-24 months	6-8 weeks	1	25+ years but no more than 40 years older than the child	n/a	3 years	Yes	Yes: 1st-3rd years and upon request	\$14,550	\$15,549	\$13,500	\$43,509
Romania	4-5 years	18-24 months	17 weeks	1	18 years older than the child	Varies	1 year <sub>12</sub>	Yes	Yes: 2 years, 8 visits	\$14,550	\$16,664	\$11,600	\$42,814
Serbia	24 months	18-24 months	30 days	1	18-45 years older than the child	n/a	1 year	Yes	Yes: 3 visits	\$14,550	\$15,409	\$10,500	\$40,459
Taiwan	18+ months	15-18 months	4-10 days	2	30-50 years	Max of 4 (exceptions)	5 years	Yes	Yes: 1 year, 4 visits (and as specified by Taiwan)	\$14,550	\$13,854	\$10,800	\$39,204
Ukraine	5 years <sub>6</sub>	12-18 months	45-60 days <sub>4</sub>	1	25+ years	n/a	1 year	Yes	Yes: 1 year, 2 visits	\$14,550	\$15,129	\$14,400	\$44,079

\*Lifeline is currently not accepting applications for our Honduras and Peru programs.

## INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION FOOTNOTES

1- This is a complete, approximate cost for all expense incurred for adoption including travel.

Price listed is for in-state families. For updated fees, please visit our website at: [www.lifelineadoption.org](http://www.lifelineadoption.org)

2- Single Female applications only

3- Automatic if both parents travel

4- With acceptance of first referral

5- Some exceptions made

6- Children younger than 5 years old may be adopted if part of a sibling group

7- Special needs program only (defined by: children of all ages with 1+ special need, sibling groups, or child over age 7)

8- Only one parent is required to fall into this age range

9- 5 years if previously married

10- Time in country varies on child's city of residence.

11- Sibling Groups (one child 5 or over)

12 - At least one parent must have a Romanian Passport or Identity Card

13 - 11- Sibling Groups (one child 7 or over)

\*Financing is the #1 deterrent of families moving forward with the adoption process. What they don't know is that now more than ever, resources are available to help ease financial burden. Visit [lifelinechild.org/FUNDYOURADOPTION](http://lifelinechild.org/FUNDYOURADOPTION) for resources and information.