

China

FAQ

Q: What is the ethnicity of the children in China?

A: The children in China are of Asian descent.

Q: Do children reside in foster homes or orphanages in China?

A: Children in China may reside in either orphanages or foster homes. They may also go back and forth between the two.

Q: How long does an adoption from China usually take?

A: The process of adopting from China will take approximately 12 to 24 months. If you are interested in adopting a very young child with very minor medical needs, your process timeframe may take closer to 24 months. Expedited processes may be available for children who are aging out (reaching their 14th birthday) and for children who would be considered medically fragile.

Q: Is there a limit to the number or ages of children in our home already before we can adopt?

A: Families may have no more than 5 minors in the home at the time they submit their dossier to China to adopt the 6th child. The youngest child already in your home must be at least 3 years old at the time of dossier submission.

Q: When are you able to match with a child?

A: Families are able to match with a child that is Special Focus (older; more significant medical special need) at any time during their process. If you desire to match with a child that is younger (under 3) or has a minor medical special need, your dossier would need to be logged-in.

Q: How long is the in country stay?

A: Families will make one trip to China where they will stay for approximately two weeks to complete their adoption process and initiate the process of US citizenship. Families will spend the first week in the capital (provincial) city of the province where their child's orphanage is located. All families adopting from China will spend the second week of their trip in Guangzhou, China where the US Consulate is located.

Q: Where do we stay while in country?

A: While in-country, you will stay in 4 and 5 star hotels. Your accommodations will be arranged by our in-country team. Lifeline chooses our hotels based on safety and proximity to government offices, restaurants and shopping.

Q: How do we get around in country?

A: Our in-country team will provide transportation for you. Most transportation will be in the form of a private bus that all of the members of your travel group will share. Your guide will arrange air-travel between your province and Guangzhou.

Q: Will we have English speaking guides while in China?

A: Yes, you will have an English speaking guide accompanying your family while you are in China.



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