

Colombia Travel Requirements

In Country Process:		
Number of Trips to Brazil	1 trip	
Length of Travel	Approximately 3-5 week	Note: The timeline may vary due to region. Also, many entities outside of Lifeline's control can cause the timeline to vary (ie: local courts, passport office, etc)
Are both adoptive parents required to travel in country (for married applicants)?	Yes	Exception: One parent may leave after the bonding process if approved
Can current children in the home also travel?	Yes	Note: this decision will be based on the family's determination, but the country is open to the entire family traveling during this time in country.
Where in country are families required to travel?	Child's city of residence and then to the capital	Note: a family will travel to the child's region to complete the adoption decree. Upon completion, the family will travel to the capital to finalize the child's new passport and US exit visa. However, if approved, the family may travel to other parts of Colombia between the bonding week and adoption decree date.
Is the adoption finalized in country?	Yes	Note: Child becomes US citizen upon entry into the USA
Will someone be in country to assist with the logistics and adoption finalization process?	Yes	Lifeline has an excellent team in country that will help coordinate travel plans and assist all families while in country.