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Making a Difference in the Lives of Orphan Children

Bulgaria Program Description



Bulgaria is a small fascinating country of ancient culture, scenic beauty and

friendly people located in Southeastern Europe. In recent years Bulgaria was slow in placing orphan children for international adoption, but recently, with the move to Hague Convention status, Bulgaria now offers a consistent and predictable option for adoptive parents.

About the Children

Children available for adoption include healthy and special needs boys and girls, generally between the ages of 12 months and 13 years. These children reside in orphanages.

While children of Bulgarian decent are available, so are children of ethnic Roma (Gypsy), Turkish heritage and Khurds. Siblings are often available.

Requirements for Parent(s)

Single women, as well as married couples may adopt. There is no marriage or age requirement; typically, no more than 45 years between the age of the child and the parents is encouraged. Bulgaria will consider the

younger age of two parents in a placement with a couple. Bulgaria often shows flexibility in age of parents and family size for children with special needs, sibling groups and those children at risk of "aging out."

Travel

Two trips are required, one to visit and one to bring your child home. Each trip takes approximately five to seven days. An escort may be allowed to bring the child home with verifiable cause.

Timeline

After your dossier arrives in Bulgaria, the referral process begins. Depending on the age of the child requested, the matching process can take 6-9 months. Referrals of siblings



or older children usually are made much faster than that of toddlers. Once the referral is accepted, the adoption will take approximately four to six months to complete. After a family and child have been matched, at least one parent must travel within two months to see the child. When the adoption is complete, the parents will travel within 12-14 weeks following court to bring their child home or arrangements may be made for the child can be escorted (on a case-by-case request basis).

About Bulgaria and the Hague Convention

Bulgaria is a Hague Convention country. This means that after April 1, 2008, agencies which conduct adoptions from Bulgaria must be accredited by the U.S. Department of State (via the Council on Accreditation).

IFS is a COA Hague Accredited Agency.

IFS Application Fee: \$400

IFS Agency Coordination Fee: \$4550

Bulgaria Program Fee: \$12,500

- Fees subject to change without notice.

Siblings adopted at the same time: \$4000 for each additional child.

Subsequent adoption anytime after initial adoption: \$4550 IFS Agency Fee.

Expatriate (clients living out of the U.S.): Additional \$1,000

A significant service and support fee reduction may apply for the adoption of a second child at the same time. Fees may be reduced for the adoption of special needs children. Contact your Adoption Consultant for more information.

Additional Expenses:

- U.S. Visa for child - payable at American Embassy.
- Bulgarian Visa for adopting parent(s) travel.
- Physical exam for child.
- Apostilles - varies from state to state.
- All travel-related expenses for you and your child.

A Note about Post-Adoption Report Refundable Deposits:

Post-placement reports for Bulgarian adopted children are required for two years. Refer to the IFS Adoption Services Agreement and Contract regarding your refundable Post-Adoption Report (PAR) deposits. Deposits will be required at the time of signing of your Child Acceptance Agreement. Contact your IFS representative for current refundable PAR deposit requirements.



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