

To Russia with Love

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Everything you wanted to know about Adoption from Russia. Requirements, Cost, Travel, Children in Orphanages and why Russia remains one of the top sending countries for International Adoption.

The Facts

- The Ministry of Education and Science- Adoption Authority
- Accreditation-What does it mean ?
- 18,000 Children adopted by US citizens in the last 5years
- 75% younger than 4 at time of adoption
- Cost \$45-55,000

Children of Russia

- Healthy boys and girls
- Special needs
- Children age 12 months to 15 years
- Sibling groups
- Ethnically diverse

Children in Orphanages

Early Obstacles

- Poor caregiver to child ratio
- Inadequate nurturing and stimulation
- Food insecurities/Nutritional deficiencies
- Misdiagnosis of medical conditions
- Resilient children
- Developmental Delays

Long Term Outcomes

Requirements

- Married Couples
- Single Women
- 45 years age difference
- No restrictions on other children in the home
- More than one child may be adopted at a time
- 2-3 Trips to Russia

Procedures to Adopt

- Agency Application
- USCIS Approval
- Homestudy
- Preliminary Documents
- Dossier

Child Matching Process

- Referrals
- Ministry of Education
- Regional Differences

Travel to Russia

- Invitation to Travel
- 1st Trip
- 2nd Trip/Court Date
- Drivers
- Translators
- Hotel Accommodations
- Regional Transportation
- Embassy Visit