

Bulgaria Adoption Expenses by Chronology

The total cost of your Bulgaria adoption will consist of both CCAI Service Fees and expenses outside of CCAI Service Fees. One of the many benefits of CCAI's Bulgaria adoption program is that the costs are clearly defined from the moment you begin your adoption journey. The adoption fees and costs are spread out over the course of the entire adoption process. Expenses paid to CCAI throughout the adoption (highlighted in **BOLD** below) will be about one-fourth or less of the overall adoption expenses.

Below we have listed each expense necessary to complete your adoption in two trips, to whom it is paid, and when it is due. Each expense is identified by the **Key** and detailed in "Explanation of Non-CCAI Expenses."

Key	Expense	Amount	Pay To	Due
	Application Fee	\$250 – Check/ACH	CCAI	App Submission
	1st Program Fee	\$4,850 – Check/ACH	CCAI	After App Approval
1	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
2	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/money order	USCIS	When home study is completed
3	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$360 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
4	Home Study fee	As agreed with local home study agency	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency
5	In-Country Translation and Legal Fees*	€6600 to €8000 (Euros ¹) plus \$40 USD/wire – Check/ACH (3 wires)	CCAI (wired to Bulgaria)	Split into 3 payments – dossier submission, referral acceptance & after adoption finalization in country (<i>schedule may differ for Waiting Child process</i>)
	2nd Program Fee	\$5,450 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Dossier submission to CCAI
	Refundable Post Adoption Deposit	\$1,000 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Acceptance of Referral
6	1 st trip - US Domestic & International Airfare	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult, Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice	Approximately 10-14 days prior to departure
7	Bulgarian Apartment & Room & Board (approx. 7 days for first trip)	Approx. \$100-\$125 per night. Ranges from \$700 - \$875 Food approx. \$20-\$45 a day per person - \$140-\$315 – Cash/Credit Card	Hotel Rental Service	In Bulgaria

8	Bulgaria Transportation fees	Approx. \$300-\$600 – Cash	Bulgaria Legal Team	In Bulgaria
9	2nd trip - US Domestic & International Airfare	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus child \$800-\$1,000, Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice	Approximately 10 - 14 days prior to departure
10	Bulgarian Hotel & Room & Board (7-10 days for second trip)	Approx. \$100-\$125 for hotel per night. \$1,000-\$1250. Food approx. \$20-\$45 a day per person - \$200-\$450 – Cash/Credit Card	Hotel Rental Service	In Bulgaria
11	US Embassy Medical Exam	\$190 – Cash	Clinic	In Sofia, Bulgaria
12	Child U.S. Entry Visa	\$325 – Cash, submitted first trip	U.S. Consulate Sofia, Bulgaria	In Sofia, Bulgaria
13	Post Adoption Services	As agreed with local home study agency	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency
14	Court Validation Fee	Varies by state/county	Your county court	After U.S Return
15	Child's Birth Certificate	Varies by state	Your state	After U.S Return
TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$26,600 - \$34,000 for two adult travelers adopting one child (Not including home study or post adoption costs)				

* Additional IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee and In-Country Legal Fees will apply for multiple placements.

¹ In Country Translation and Legal Fees paid at time of submission are in EUROS, based on current market conversion rates at time of adoption.

Home study and post adoption fees can vary greatly; a home study is generally \$1500 - \$3000 and post adoption fees are generally \$150 - \$500 per report. Please visit https://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs_provider for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.

Adoption timelines are variable. Due to unpredictable wait times, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-800A form or Supplement 3, re-fingerprinting, and a home study update, along with translation/processing service fees to submit to the Ministry of Justice. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$900, plus home study update fee (varies by agency), plus 300-400 Euros.

The “Total” above does not include the \$1,000 refundable Post Adoption deposit.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize CCAI either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

Explanation of Non-CCAI Bulgaria Adoption Expenses

1. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is CCAI's authorized accrediting entity. They charge **\$850** per approved application where CCAI agrees to serve as the primary provider. (This fee is charged on a per child basis; if a family is adopting more than one child, IAAME will collect an additional **\$850** per child at the time of referral.)
2. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **\$775** at the time that you file the I-800A. Each person 17 years old or older in the household must be fingerprinted. **\$85** for each person to be fingerprinted should be included in the initial USCIS check/Credit card. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months. Please remember that Bulgaria adoption timelines are variable and are subject to change. Due to unpredictable wait times, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-800A form or Supplement 3, re-fingerprinting, and a home study update, along with translation/processing service fees to submit to the Ministry of Justice. Costs will vary by agency for the home study update. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$900, plus home study update fee (varies by agency), plus 300-400 Euro.
3. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document certification. The **\$360** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier. (Bulgaria may also require updated FBI and medical certificates prior to adoption finalization; this cost will vary.)
4. A home study is an evaluation of each potential adoptive family prior to the placement of a child in the home. An approved home study report will enable us to recommend you to Bulgaria. Home study costs vary greatly between states and agencies within the same state. We encourage families to be "educated consumers" when choosing a home study agency to serve them.
5. The in-country service fee ranges from **€6600 to €8000* (Euros)** for one child (plus up to 3 wire fees of \$40 each).
 - a) For multiple placements, an additional **€1000 to €2600* (Euros)** will apply for services provided for each additional child's adoption case
 - b) Fees are paid in 3 payments – at dossier submission, referral acceptance, and after adoption finalization. If adopting a waiting child, the payment schedule may differ.

In-country legal fees include:

- Welcome at airport – a member of the Bulgarian team welcomes families at airport when they arrive the first time
- Transfer – airport – apartment – airport on the first trip
- Translation services in region
- Assistance to choose the hotel to stay
- Preparation of all legal documents for the Ministry of Justice and Court
- Preparation of petition at court
- Representation at court
- Accompaniment to orphanage/foster home to pick up the child
- Taxes and other expenses concerning submission of petition in the court
- Translation of all Bulgarian documents required to submit with the I800 petition in the US
- Preparation of documents and assistance filing for US Immigration Visa
- Translation of the final decision, new birth certificate and other court decision required for US Immigration Visa
- Expenses for the new birth certificate
- Expenses for the new passport
- Final decision
- New birth certificate
- Legal advice, counseling, coordination

6. Your travel to Bulgaria will require two separate trips. The first trip requires both adoptive parents to travel and remain in Bulgaria for 7 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Bulgaria. US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500 per person per trip**.
7. The rates per night stay in an apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the first trip range from **\$700-\$875**.
8. In country transportation fees will be approximately **\$300 –\$ 600**, depending on the location of your child's orphanage.
9. Your second trip is about 10 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Bulgaria. US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500 per person per trip**.
10. The rates per night stay in an apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the second trip range from **\$1,000-\$1,250**.
11. The US Consulate requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. **\$190** covers the cost of this exam.
12. Your child's visa to enter the U.S. will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the U.S. Consulate in Sofia.
13. Other than the Post-Adoption Support that CCAI will be providing to families after their return from Bulgaria, families need to secure a licensed, non-profit home study agency in their state to perform post adoption services for two years to comply with state and Bulgaria regulations. Typically this is the same agency that performed your initial home study. Post adoption costs will **vary** depending on the state and agency.
14. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will vary by state.
15. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. This cost will vary by state.

*In-country legal fees listed are paid in Euros. These same fees in US dollars are estimated at: \$7,000 - \$8,600 (including wire fees) but will vary depending on the current market exchange rate (*estimate is based on exchange rate as of 12/2/22*). Service fees for multiple child placements range from approximately \$1,100 to \$2,800 USD, again depending on exchange rates at time of adoption.

Financial Aid Application(s) & Administrative Assistance

CCAI is happy to support your family if you choose to seek financial aid through grant(s) to fund your adoption. Once you have researched and selected a grant organization(s) that you would like to apply to, CCAI will provide assistance in compiling requested agency documentation for as many grants as you choose to apply for throughout your adoption process. CCAI will provide the following services to you at no additional fee: 1) initially analyzing and verifying your adoption case position and stage in the adoption process; 2) verifying your paid adoption expenses and estimating the overall cost for your current adoption; 3) writing and delivering (including postage) your case-specific adoption expense information to the fund(s) or foundation(s) you applied to; 4) generating a home study summary (if applicable); 5) ongoing communication with grant provider(s) regarding your adoption progress and paid and estimated expenses; 6) tracking and applying your grant funds to the specific adoption fees and travel related expenses; and 7) accounting reconciliation and coordinating with the fund(s) or foundation(s) to determine how best to disburse excess funds if necessary. These services will be provided for all the grants that you receive throughout your adoption process.

NOTE: Financial contributions from your relatives, friends, churches or other related parties toward your adoption are not tax deductible according to the IRS rules.