

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." Your estimated adoption fees/expenses are further **categorized** from **A-I** as follows:

Key	Category	Expense	Amount	Pay To	Due
	B	Application Fee	\$300 – Check/ACH	CCAI	App Submission
	B	1st Program Fee	\$6,050 – Check/ACH	CCAI	After App Approval
1	H	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
2	A	Home Study	As agreed with local home study agency; generally ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency
3	H	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/money order	USCIS	When home study is completed
4	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$360 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
5	E	Document Shipping	\$125 - \$225 – Credit Card	DHL via CCAI	Submission of dossier & other documents to Bulgaria
6	E	In-Country Translation Fees*	€1600 to €2000 (Euros ¹) plus \$40 USD/wire – Check/ACH	CCAI (wired to Bulgaria)	Dossier submission to CCAI (<i>schedule may differ for Waiting Child process</i>)
7	C	In-Country Legal Fees*	€4100 to €6400 (Euros ¹) plus \$40 USD/wire – Check/ACH (2+ wires)	CCAI (wired to Bulgaria)	Split into 2+ payments –referral acceptance & after adoption finalization in country (<i>schedule may differ for Waiting Child process</i>)
	B	2nd Program Fee*	\$6,210 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Dossier submission to CCAI
	B	Refundable Post Adoption Deposit	\$1,000 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Prior to 1st trip

8	I	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
9	I	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
10	I	Bulgaria Transportation fees (each trip)	Approx. \$300-\$600 per trip – Cash	Bulgaria Legal Team	In Bulgaria
11	I	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
12	I	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	Hotel Rental Service	In Bulgaria
13	C	US Embassy Medical Exam*	\$190 – Cash	Clinic	In Sofia, Bulgaria
14	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa*	\$325 – Cash, submitted first trip	U.S. Consulate Sofia, Bulgaria	In Sofia, Bulgaria
15	G	Post Adoption Report Service	As agreed with local home study agency; generally ranges from \$350-\$600 per report, or \$2,100-\$3,600 total	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency
16	H	Court Validation Fee	Varies by state/county	Your county court	After U.S Return
17	H	Child's Birth Certificate	Varies by state	Your state	After U.S Return

TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$32,775 - \$44,090 for two adult travelers adopting one child (not including refundable deposit)

A. Home study	\$1,500 to \$3,000	D. Care of the child	\$0	G. Post-adoption reports	\$2,100-\$3,600
B. Adoption expenses in the United States	\$12,560	E. Translation and document expenses	\$2,355-\$2,915	H. Third party fees	\$1,795
C. Foreign country program expenses	\$5,285-\$7,915	F. Contributions	\$0	I. Travel and accommodation expenses	\$7,180-\$12,305

* Additional IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee, In-Country Legal Fees, CCAI Fees, and child-specific in-country fees will apply for multiple placements, plus additional travel costs.

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.

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.

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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. 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 generally range from **\$1,500 to \$3,000** but can 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. Please visit https://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs_provider for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.
3. 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.
4. 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 also requires updated FBI and medical certificates prior to adoption finalization; this cost will vary.)
5. Your documents must be shipped to Bulgaria an average of two to four times during your adoption process. In order to keep CCAI service fees low, these shipping charges are paid by individual families (to DHL via CCAI) only on an as-needed basis, ranging from **\$125-\$225** on average per family.
6. Translation of your application/dossier documents into Bulgarian is the first service our In-Country team will provide for you, paid at the time of dossier submission or when matched with a Waiting Child. This translation fee ranges from **€1600 to €2000 (Euros)** or about \$1,830-\$2,290*, plus a \$40 wire fee.
7. The remaining in-country service fee ranges from **€4100 to €6400 (Euros)** or about \$4,690-\$7,320*, for one child, plus two wire fees of \$40 each.
 - a) For multiple placements, an additional **€1000 to €2600 (Euros)** or about \$1,140-\$2,970*, will apply for services provided for each additional child’s adoption case.
 - b) Fees are paid in 2 payments – at 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 – hotel – airport on the first trip
- Translation services in region
- Assistance in choosing a hotel
- 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

*In-country fees are paid in Euros. Exact US dollar amounts will vary depending on the current market exchange rate (*estimate is based on 1.1438 exchange rate as of 1/2024*).

8. 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**.
9. The rates per night stay in a hotel or apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the first trip range from **\$700-\$875**. We estimate you'll spend about \$20-\$45 a day per person on food, or about **\$140-\$315** per person.
10. In country transportation fees will be approximately **\$300 –\$ 600** per trip, depending on the location of your child's orphanage.
11. 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**. Your child's one-way airfare may range from **\$800-\$1,000**.
12. The rates per night stay in a hotel or apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the second trip range from **\$1,000-\$1,250**. We estimate you'll spend about \$20-\$45 a day per person on food, or about **\$200-\$450** per person (including your new child!).
13. The US Consulate requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. **\$190** covers the cost of this exam.
14. Your child's visa to enter the U.S. will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the U.S. Consulate in Sofia.
15. 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 three years to comply with state and Bulgaria regulations. Typically this is the same agency that performed your initial home study. The cost for your social worker to perform these reports will vary by home study agency, but generally ranges from \$350-\$600 per report, or **\$2,100-\$3,600** total.
16. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will vary by state.
17. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. This cost will vary by state.

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.