



Bulgaria Adoption: 101

Why you should adopt from Bulgaria:

- Process takes about **18—36 months total** (shorter for a special needs adoption).
- Most children available for adoption are **1-15 years old**, with the **average age** of referrals being 4-5 years old.
- Children available come from **varying ethnic backgrounds** due to Bulgaria's rich history. They may be **fair to olive in skin tone**, with **dark brown to dark blonde hair, and brown or blue eyes**. Many children who are available for adoption are of **Gypsy, Roma, or Turkish heritage**.
- Opportunity to visit a **gorgeous Eastern European country**, known for **beautiful climates and landscapes**, from the deep, blue-water beaches of the Black Sea to the snow-capped Alpine peaks of the Balkan Mountains.
- **While two trips are required**, each trip is for a short period of time: 1 week each!
- Tried and true adoption process; 40 children were adopted to the U.S. from Bulgaria in 2010.
- **Flexible parent eligibility** requirements.
- **Single women and men** can adopt a child.
- Bulgaria is **party to the Hague Convention**.
- Most importantly, you have the chance to adopt one of Bulgaria's **hundreds of thousands of orphans** in desperate need of a loving home.

Why you should go with CAN for your Bulgaria adoption:

- Great Wall China Adoption/Children of All Nations is a well-established, reputable, and experienced adoption agency with **15 years of international adoption experience**, having provided homes and forever families for 8,000 children and counting.
- Our **service fee includes dossier service**, while other agency fees do not. Our expert dossier specialist will take charge of the complicated paper chase so you have a **problem-free dossier**.
- CAN strives to keep its agency fees among the lowest, to allow more families the opportunity to adopt, ultimately bringing home more children—our philosophy!
- Bulgaria's adoption authority is the **Ministry of Justice**, which licenses Bulgarian adoption agencies to perform adoption-related functions on its behalf, much **like**

the United States has done. The Ministry of Justice will review the family's dossier, conduct the matching process and provide the referral.

- **CAN partners with a licensed Bulgarian agency** to help place children with their forever families. Our partner agency has **successfully placed over 155 children** since 2003, and they have a **wonderful relationship** with the Ministry of Justice.
- Our in-country staff will provide us with the latest information, updates on your referral, and hold your hand throughout the time you're in-country.
- Since CAN is a **much larger agency** with a **full-time staff**, our strength is **achieving faster responses**, while **providing expert counseling**. There is always someone available to answer your questions.
- Our families are met at the airport by local Ugandan representatives and **personally escorted** to all appointments. They are very familiar with the adoption process and **fluent in the native language**. They will be with you every step of the process.
- We are **Hague-accredited** and offer **online parent Hague training courses** (your service fee include the courses).
- We can provide you not only with child placement services for Bulgaria, but also **act as your home study agency** for Texas and Florida families (we are licensed in both states). Our trusted social workers are experienced in performing home studies.
- While the occurrence is rare, families that adopt from GWCA/CAN will be **able to change programs** if one country's program encounters an issue. We have 14 different countries for you to choose from and decide which country is the best match for your family.
- Our adoption counselors provide exceptional support throughout your adoption process, including **complete dossier service** and **post-adoption report support**.
- We strive to provide the **lowest service fees** for families so more children can come home!
- We work with **families world-wide**, including the military families living abroad.