



European Adoption Consultants, Inc.

A Non-Profit, 501(c)(3), Licensed Adoption Agency
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Congratulations on choosing Russia!

Traveling to Russia to adopt is an exciting beginning to a new life with a new family member.

Russia requests that each prospective adoptive family keep your emotional and personal focus on the adoption of your child. European Adoption Consultants believes similarly, and the following regulations pertain to same. Please read and indicate your understanding and acceptance by signing and returning to EAC **with this registration packet**.

1. No person other than the adoptive parent(s) is permitted to travel to the region with the exception of a single adoptive parent bringing a travel companion. Children, family members and friends must stay in Moscow. Processing of visa and travel arrangements for additional family member is handled through EAC at a fee of \$75.00 per day per person. However, if you are a single parent and one other person is traveling with you, this fee will not be assessed.
2. No person other than adoptive parents may visit the region and its orphanage. Children, family members and friends must stay in Moscow. If you are a single parent, EAC will request on your behalf for your travel companion to visit the orphanage with you. The decision is up to the Orphanage Director.
3. No person other than the adoptive parent(s) is permitted in Court.
4. There is a fee of \$75.00 per day, per person assessed each family that brings other family members to Russia. This covers travel to and from airport and all other services available to and expended for that family. This fee is paid prior to travel.
5. European Adoption Consultants does not arrange babysitting services, sightseeing services, or other amenities of this nature for additional travelers. Upon request, we can provide you with the name of a service.
6. Vans are used for transportation of families *only*.

Russia Travel Questionnaire

1. Why did you decide to adopt from Russia? _____

2. What do you know about life in Russia? _____

3. What Russian traditions do you like or are familiar with? _____

4. Have you ever been to Russia? If yes, when? _____

5. Do you have any business contacts or friends in Russia? _____

6. Do you wish to bring friends or family members with you when you travel to Russia?

7. Do you speak Russian? _____

In Russia, all information regarding adoption is confidential. We recommend you do not share information regarding your adoption to persons who do not participate in the process; otherwise you can damage the interests of the child and interests of you as adoptive parents. Everyone who participates in the process of adoption (staff of Court, staff of Adoption Center, Social Workers, and so on) are responsible to keep it confidential.

While in region, please inform your regional coordinator if you should have any problems or changes in your program. This adoption journey is an experience of a lifetime! As you travel, be assured that we are with you in Russia to meet your adoption needs.

This Agreement applies to all families who have received information regarding a referral: whether you are discussing a possible referral with EAC representatives, have accepted referral or are preparing to travel to receive a referral from Russia.

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Please remember that the referral was presented to you by the foreign government. As a licensed and accredited agency, EAC oversees licensing requirements in the foreign country, assists with the home study and dossier paperwork and submits post placement reports. As adoption laws and procedures constantly change it is important to always know that Russia officially refers all children.

EAC recognizes that when traveling abroad you need to be conscious and considerate of Russia's cultural beliefs. We expect appropriate behavior fitting an American Citizen, who is representing European Adoption Consultants, Inc., the United States of America, and our culture. Therefore, to avoid any misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and/or communication problems the undersigned hereby agrees to:

- ❖ Keep in mind that you were invited to Russia by the Russian Government for the adoption of a Russian child(ren), and as such you must act accordingly and show appropriate respect to the Russian Officials, as well as the country of Russia itself.
- ❖ Refrain from mentioning that you have seen photographs, medical excerpts, or videos of your referral.
- ❖ Refrain from discussing specific information and or any problems you may have experienced while in the presence of any Russian Official. Miscommunications you may experience must be relayed to a representative of European Adoption Consultants in private.
- ❖ Refrain from all discussion of fees during any conversation in Russia.
- ❖ Refrain from comparing waiting periods, discussion or perceived promises made regarding the length of stay, and any discussion or gossip picked up from other people and passed along as fact.

This protocol is instituted for the protection of the rights and privacy of minor child(ren). The child(ren) referred to you is not your child(ren) until the adoption has been completed at your court appointment.

Please sign and return to EAC immediately indicating your understanding and agreement with the above.

Name

Date

Name

Date

NOTE: ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR ALL IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL, AIRFARE, TRAIN, HOTELS, FOOD, SPENDING MONEY, CANCELLATIONS OF OR CHANGES TO TRAVEL/ LODGING ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY APPLICANT(S) ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT(S).