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## Why Adopt From Peru?



There are approximately 660,000 children living without parental care in Peru. The orphan crisis in Peru has been brought about by economic crisis, pervasive poverty, disease and lack of basic social services.

Peru is located in South America,

with more than half of its population experiencing extreme poverty. It is estimated that over fifty percent of Peru's population lives on \$2 a day or less. Many of the Peruvian children live on the streets, exposing them to malnutrition, disease, trafficking and even death. In Peru, the population of orphaned children have little access to health and social services and face food insecurity.

It is estimated that of Peru's street children, most become homeless between the ages of 5 and 9 and are either abandoned by their families or the children leave to escape violence in the home. Most will only live a few years. Those who do survive do so by sifting through trash to feed themselves and to find wares to sell on the streets. The majority of these children will enter into prostitution or a life of crime and violence.

Though adoption will not solve Peru's larger social and economic issues, it is one permanency solution that does provide children in Peru without families with the loving support and security of a family.

**The Benefits of Adopting From a Hague Convention Country.** Peru is a Hague Convention Country, meaning there are additional safeguards by which Peru operates to ensure adoptions are both ethical

and in the best interests of children. Hague Convention countries tend to be more stable and predictable in processing adoptions and are less likely to be reactionary and make quick decisions that negatively impact the adoption process. Furthermore, Hague Convention Countries are more likely to have a process and procedure in place in the event the country elects to make any changes to its adoption process.

## Who Are the Children in Need of Families?

- Children range in ages from six and older (at time of referral) to teens
- Both boys and girls are in need of families; gender preference may be specified
- Children are of Hispanic descent
- Children with special needs may be adopted, including those with known needs ranging from correctable to severe
- Sibling groups of all ages
- Children from Peru may need to be placed in families through international adoption due to extreme poverty, lack of acceptance of unwed mothers, medical reasons where parents lack the financial resources to meet the needs of their biological children, and loss of biological parents.



## Who Can Adopt From Peru?

- Married couples and singles women may adopt
- Adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age and no older than 52
- Prospective parents must demonstrate the ability to support the physical & emotional needs of the child
- Peru allows for co-habiting couples to adopt if they have been co-habiting for at least two years.

## How Long Does it Take to Complete the Adoption Process?

The Peru adoption process does not officially begin until the dossier has arrived in country and has been translated and stamped by the appropriate authority. The dossier preparation can take upwards of six months. Because Peru is considered to be a pilot program, the timeframe to receive a referral is currently estimated to be approximately 12-24 months after dossier registration, depending upon the age and gender of the child the family has indicated. The process may be expedited if a family is open to an older child or a child with special needs.

Referrals are given based on the date of dossier submission and balanced by several variables; characteristics of the child the family has indicated (age, gender, health status) and the children in need of families at any given time. Upon receipt of the referral and I800 approval, adoptive parents are required to travel to Peru and remain in Peru, caring for the child until the adoption is finalized. Time in country is anticipated to be 6 – 10 weeks.

Please note that timeframes may vary on a case-by-case basis and are subject to change.

## What Travel is Required?

One trip of approximately 6 – 10 weeks spent in Peru is required. On this trip, families will be united with their child(ren) and attend the court hearing that finalizes the adoption. Once the legal process is complete, they'll be able to apply for their visa to bring their child(ren).

## Why Choose MLJ Adoptions to Adopt From Peru?

**Approved in Peru.** MLJ Adoptions is one of the few U.S. adoption service providers approved by the Peruvian Central Authority, Ministerio de la Mujer y Poblaciones Vulnerables (MIMP) Dirección General de Adopciones (DGA, to provide adoption services in Peru.

**Experienced and Compassionate Staff.** Our MLJ Adoptions' foreign and domestic teams are composed of a diverse group of professionals who are committed to supporting families before, during and after adoption. Our Peru Program Director, Sonja Brown, has ten years of experience in adoption, from various countries, and has united more than 200 children with their forever families. Furthermore, MLJ Adoptions retains licensed attorneys domestically and works with an attorney in Peru. It is beneficial to families to have attorneys in both the United States and Peru assisting with the legal process of adoption.

*Country information is to be considered general information and subject to change. The information is based upon state, federal, foreign, and international law, as well as our own business policies.*



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### Peru Adoption Program Fees

All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars. Clients are responsible for making all payments in U.S. dollars. Clients may pay with check, all major credit cards, bank wire or a direct bank debit. A 3% transaction fee will be added to all credit card payments, except for the Application Fee. A fee of \$16 will be added for each incoming wire payment. Fees will not be waived, reduced or refunded, except as noted below.

<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>\$295 USD</b>	<b>Due with Adoption Application</b>
<b>1st Payment</b>	<b>\$3,450 USD</b>	<b>Due with Service Agreement to Begin Process</b>
<b>Agency Fee</b> (1st portion)		\$2,700
<b>Home Study Review/Education Administration</b>		\$750 <sup>1</sup>
<i>Indiana clients will add \$1,200.<sup>2</sup></i>		
<b>2nd Payment</b>	<b>\$5,500 USD</b>	<b>Due upon Completion of Home Study Draft</b>
<b>Agency Fee</b> (2nd portion)		\$2,900
This fee will be reduced \$1,000 for past MLJ Adoptions clients.		
<b>Dossier Assistance/Review</b>		\$2,600
<b>3rd Payment</b>	<b>\$4,733 USD</b>	<b>Due at Dossier Submission</b>
<b>Program Country Fee</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> portion)		\$2,733
<b>Translations/Authentications</b>		\$2,000
<b>4th Payment</b>	<b>\$4,383 USD</b>	<b>Due upon Acceptance of Referral</b>
<b>Program Country Fee</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> portion)		\$2,733
Exit documents, power of attorney and in country support		
<b>Additional Agency Services</b>		\$1,650
Post-Adoption <sup>4</sup> Report Administration Fee	\$1,000	
Post-Adoption Report Refundable Deposit <sup>5</sup>	\$500	
Support Services	\$150	
<b><u>INDIANA client services only</u></b>		
(8) Post-Adoption Reports <sup>1,2,4</sup>		\$3,200
<b>5th Payment</b>	<b>\$3,467 USD</b>	<b>Due upon Issuance of Child's Passport</b>
<b>Program Country Fee</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> portion)		\$2,744

1. Non-Indiana clients will be responsible for obtaining home study services, and required Post-Adoption reports from a Hague-accredited service provider within their state, and for obtaining the domestication of foreign decree (Re-Adoption) or full adoption from a local attorney. The estimated standard fee for a home study is \$1200-\$4500. The estimated standard fee for a Post-Adoption report is \$300-\$600 per report. The estimated standard fee for a re-adoption is \$500-\$1,000.
2. Clients will be charged the standard IRS mileage rate for the miles travelled roundtrip for each home study and post-adoption visit.
3. Clients will receive an invoice in US Dollars calculated with the exchange rate in place on the date of the invoice. Exchange rates fluctuate from day to day. All foreign country program fees will be wired to the in-country provider by MLJ Adoptions upon receipt of payment. A \$70 bank processing fee will be charged to clients for each separate wire. This fee is an estimate of the bank fees assessed by the sending, intermediary and receiving banks.
4. "Post-Adoption" incorporates both post-adoption and post-placement.
5. The Post-Adoption deposit will be placed in an escrow account and will be returned upon the successful completion of all Post-Adoption reports required within the first two years of the child arriving home.

<b>Third Party Payments</b>	<b>\$1,810 - \$5,310 estimated</b>	<b>Throughout the Process</b>
Hague-accredited home study (Non-Indiana clients)		Varies by provider
<a href="#">NCFA Online Hague Education</a>		\$115 Single/\$195 Couple
Authentications		Varies by state
USCIS I-600A & Biometrics		\$775 plus \$85 per person
Orphan Visa: I-600 (non-Hague)		\$400
Visa fee		\$325
U.S. Legal Services		Varies
Post-Adoption reports (Non-Indiana clients)		Varies by provider
Re-adoption/Adoption in state of residence		Varies by provider

These fees are estimates only and may change at any time. Additional expenses may include medical services, child's passport, money wiring fees and mailing of documents.

**Estimated total cost of adoption less travel \$25,828**

<b>Travel Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,000 - \$12,000 estimated</b>
Includes, but not limited to:	
Airfare	\$750-\$1,000 round trip per person, estimated
Hotel	\$69-\$250 per night
Other regional expenses including meals	\$2,000 - \$2,500 per trip
(families can expect to spend approximately 8 weeks in-country; both parents are not required to stay the entire time)	

**Second Child Adoption**  
 Fees are for the adoption services for one child. It is possible to adopt sibling groups. Clients adopting a second child will not pay additional agency fees to MLJ Adoptions. They will pay foreign country program expenses and Post-Adoption costs for the second child as outlined below. These fees do not include additional medical services, immigration or travel expenses which may be necessary.

Due with fourth payment, upon acceptance of additional child referral(s)

Foreign country program fee-second child, 1 <sup>st</sup> portion	\$3,075
Foreign country program fee-third child, 1 <sup>st</sup> portion	\$2,665

Due with fifth payment, upon issuance of children's passports

Foreign country program fee-second child, 2 <sup>nd</sup> portion	\$3,075
Foreign country program fee-third child, 2 <sup>nd</sup> portion	\$2,665

Post-Adoption report administration fee	\$500 per additional child
(2) Post-Adoption reports, Indiana clients	\$50 per report per additional child
(2) Post-Adoption reports, non-Indiana clients	Varies by provider

**Additional MLJ Adoptions Agency Services**

Should clients request the additional services listed below, the following fees will apply:

Review of subsequent home study	\$375
Home Study Update/Addendum Translations	\$50, additional at \$15/page
Home Study Update/Addendum Shipping	\$40-\$100 (estimated)
Home Study Update/Addendum Authentication	\$25/document (estimated)
Copy/Mailing Fees (Subsequent services)	\$90/hour
Indiana Background Checks	\$125 per adoptive parent
Indiana Background Checks Additional Household Member	\$25 per person
Out-of-State Background Check	\$25 per background check
Hold fee, if you place your adoption on hold for 12 months	\$500
Extended hold fee, for additional 12 months	\$750
File re-activation fee	\$500

### Foreign Country Program Fee Itemization

<b>Foreign Country Program Fee (First Portion)</b>	<b>\$2,733</b>
Foreign Affairs Ministry legalization of documents	\$700
Legal fees, communications	\$1,140
Registration fees, transportation, postage, copies	\$893
<b>Foreign Country Program Fee (Second Portion)</b>	<b>\$2,733</b>
Municipal/RENIEC administrative fees	\$100
Legal fees, communications	\$1,140
Transportation, postage, copies	\$1,493
<b>Foreign Country Program Fee (Third Portion)</b>	<b>\$2,744</b>
Birth Certificate, Passport, New DNI fees	\$200
Expenses for child in preparation for adoption	\$100
Legal services, transportation, postage, copies, post-adoptive report in-country processing for 4 years	\$2,444

In the event a family is required to update their home study and USCIS approval, the in-country provider requires payment of \$125, which will be charged to the Client by MLJ Adoptions.

### Waiting Child Adoption

MLJ Adoptions maintains the [Waiting Child Photo listing](#). Should you choose to adopt child(ren) from this list, the timing and amount of your foreign country program fee may vary based upon the child selected. Additional costs could be incurred if further medical testing or treatment is deemed necessary.

### Post-Adoption Reporting

Currently, Peru requires agency-completed reports at six-month intervals for the first four (4) years after the adoption is completed. Client is required to attach a minimum of six (6) photographs of the girl, boy or adolescent in different contexts, and videos of them may also be presented in different activities. Reports must be notarized and apostilled. Country requirements are subject to change with no notice.

### RFE/NOID/NOIR/CNA

The above mentioned fees do not contemplate services associated with preparing and submitting additional responses to USCIS at their request. Such additional responses may become necessary through the course of MLJ Adoptions' serving the client. In the event USCIS issues a Request for Evidence (RFE), a Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID), or a Notice of Intent to Revoke (NOIR), or the Embassy issues a Clearly Not Approvable (CNA), MLJ Adoptions may assist Parent(s) with the response or refer Parent(s) to an immigration attorney.

### Past Due Accounts

Payments are due within thirty (30) calendar days of the time specified on the fee sheet. All payments must be made in full prior to travel. Therefore, the final payment invoice, which is due at time of travel, may be due sooner if travel is scheduled to commence in less than thirty (30) days.

Families with a past due balance greater than 90 days will have a hold placed on their adoption services until such time as the account is brought current. A 1% finance charge will be assessed to all accounts more than 90 days past due.

If it becomes necessary to pursue collection of any past due account balance through outside sources (collection agency, IN Attorney General, or local attorney) reasonable collection costs, attorney fees, court costs, and contingency fees will also be added to the outstanding balance.

### Adoption Assistance

Adoption grants are available from a variety of organizations. Please refer to the [MLJ Adoptions Financial Resources Guide](#). The [adoption tax credit](#) for the adoption of a child with special needs is \$13,400, and the maximum credit allowed for other adoptions is the amount of qualified adoption expenses up to \$13,400. Please consult your tax professional to see if you will benefit from this credit.

### Refund Policy of Adoption Fees

If Parent(s) provide a written request for a refund to [Accounts@MLJAdoptions.com](mailto:Accounts@MLJAdoptions.com) and also to 617 E. North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 within thirty (30) days of the initial payment, Parent(s) will be reimbursed 75% of initial fee. The 75% reimbursement of the initial fee will be refunded to Parent(s) within sixty (60) days of the request. The adoption application fee is nonrefundable.

Payments made to MLJ Adoptions are for services rendered and are not to be considered payment for children. If your adoption is suspended due to program changes, MLJ Adoptions may at their discretion choose to credit up to \$5,000 to another country program for which the parents are eligible.

In the case of country closure, parent ineligibility, contract termination, or adoption failure or adoption withdrawal, international fees that have been collected for services that have not yet been distributed abroad will be refunded. Although MLJ Adoptions will work hard to obtain the refund of any international fees paid to a foreign coordinator/attorney/authority, MLJ Adoptions cannot make any assurances or promises for the return of international fees/program country expenses.

As adoptions may take many months to complete, fees and costs are subject to change over the course of the adoption process.

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Signature of First Parent      Print Name of First Parent      Date of Signing

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Signature of Second Parent      Print Name of Second Parent      Date of Signing

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