

# BRAZILIAN ADOPTION RESOURCES



In this document, I have provided a list of links that might be useful for those interested in Brazilian adoptions. The information provided in the websites may be of interest to prospective adoptive parents, current adoptive parents, adoption professionals, and Brazilian adoptees. Below each link is a description of the information and resources you can find at that particular website. I hope that I have provided a variety of adequate resources to answer all of your questions about Brazilian adoption!

***Boa Sorte e Aproveita!!***

<http://www.commonwealthadoption.org/international-adoption-brazil.php>

This site is useful for those just beginning their search of information on Brazilian adoptions. Commonwealth Adoptions, Inc. is an agency that specializes in international adoptions. The site provides a good overview of information regarding the adoption process of children in Brazil. This includes information about time frames, requirements and rules, travel, and the children available for adoption. To the left of the web page, you can find links to more general information regarding the agency and international adoptions. This general information includes upcoming events related to international adoptions, forums, applications, personal adoption stories, and resources on the international adoption process and overall experience.



<http://www.worldvillages.org/accomplishments2k2.asp>

<http://adoption.about.com/od/international/a/preparetoparent.htm>

For parents looking to adopt a child from Brazil, it is useful to gain some information about international adoptions in general. Many of the issues involved in international adoptions span across most or all of the countries from which a child is adopted, including Brazil. This site provides an article about “preparing to parent the internationally adopted child”. Included in the article is information about training classes, the grieving process, post-adoption support, creating a “lifebook” with your child, and suggested related books and websites. The article also talks about preparing for possible problems relating to the child’s behavior, development delays, communication issues, and bonding



[http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food\\_facts/ez-world/index.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/fs/food/food_facts/ez-world/index.htm)

<http://brazil.adoption.com/>

This is another useful website for those parents or other individuals interested in Brazilian adoptions, and just beginning to look into it. It provides some basic information about the process of adopting from Brazil, as well as things to consider with international adoptions in general. Also provided is a photo gallery of adoptable children and a directory to adoption professionals who work with Brazilian adoptions. There is also a link to a forum page, specifically for those people interested in or already involved with Brazilian adoptions. Here, you can ask questions and share information about your own experience with others who may be in very similar situations.

<http://www.adoption.org/adopt/adoption-brasil.php>

This site provides an in depth look into Brazilian adoption. It gives useful information for both present and future adoptive parents of Brazilian children. The site displays links to a variety of different related resources. For parents looking to adopt from Brazil, you can find a list of agencies that are involved with Brazilian adoptions, information about the legal issues that are involved with this type of adoption, and a guide to what is involved in the adoption procedure. You can also find photographs of adoptable Brazilian children, stories of other adoptive parents' personal experiences, information regarding parent and child support groups, and the U.S. state department regulations on Brazilian adoptions. There is also a link to where you can learn about LIMIAR, an advocacy group for Brazilian children.



<http://www.brazilreads.com/Photos.htm>

<http://www.ftia.org/brazil/index.asp>

This website provides information on Brazilian adoptions through Families Thru International Adoption (FTIA). FTIA is a non-profit child placement agency that specializes in international adoptions. At this site, you will find detailed information about the step-by-step process of Brazilian adoptions. Included are resources outlining the legal requirements involved, the home study procedure, expenses and travel, and descriptions of the visas issued to adoptees. Also provided is information from citizenship and immigration services, including their involvement in the process and instructions for required forms and documents. Other helpful resources regarding the legal issues involved are provided, along with paperwork and applications for download. FTIA also provides new adoptive families with a “welcome home” guide, the contents of which are outlined in the website.

[http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/country/country\\_358.html](http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/country/country_358.html)

This site is useful for inquiring about the legal process involved in Brazilian adoptions. The United States Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs gives direct, up to date information regarding this process and the requirements and regulations of each country involved. These rules established by both the U.S. and Brazilian governments are stated. You can also look at the recent patterns of immigration visas that were issued to Brazilian orphans over the past few years. Contact information for each Brazilian state is provided, as each has its own regulations regarding foreign adoptions. Required documents are also provided for prospective adoptive parents to access.



<http://www.painetworks.com/pages2/ep/ep2405.html>

<http://www.limiar.org/default.html>

This link takes you to the homepage of LIMIAR, the child advocacy organization that pioneered international adoption in Brazil. At the site, you can find information about the agency itself and the purpose it serves. Also, you can gain access to the agency's newsletter and list of upcoming events. For adoptive parents of Brazilian children, there are links to where you can learn more about Brazilian culture, including music and cuisine, as well as the Portuguese language. Families can also post letters about their experiences, give and receive advice, and post messages in the "bragging corner" about their adoptive child.



[http://english.people.com.cn/200508/30/eng20050830\\_205290.html](http://english.people.com.cn/200508/30/eng20050830_205290.html)

<http://www.maria-brazil.org/>

This site provides a vast amount of information about the country and culture of Brazil. For parents planning to adopt from Brazil, or those that are currently adoptive parents of a Brazilian child, this is a perfect place to gain some additional knowledge about the country from where your child originated. Gaining some insight into aspects of Brazilian culture will help you to make the cultural transition a bit easier for your child, and allow him/her to maintain their cultural and ethnic roots as part of their identity. The site provides information about Brazilian food (including recipes!), language, music and dance, customs and etiquette, popular places, photos, and links to other useful websites about Brazil.

<http://www.sunshineadoption.org/brazil.php>

This site provides information about adopting Brazilian children through an international adoption agency called Sunshine Adoptions, Inc. The agency provides an outline of some basic information about the adoption process in Brazil and for international adoptions in general. You can also find information about the children who are able to be adopted from Brazil, the orphanages where they currently reside, and other general information on this topic. If you click on the agency's home page, you can find information about upcoming events for international adopters and gain access to the agency's latest newsletter.

<http://www.nysccc.org/T-Rarts/T-Rarts.html>

Many of the children being adopted from Brazil have racial/ethnic and cultural backgrounds that are different from those of their adoptive parents. This site includes a long list of links to various resources regarding transracial and transcultural issues in adoption, provided by the New York State Citizen's Coalition for Children, Inc. These resources can be very helpful for families with an adopted Brazilian child, or families preparing for their adoption of a Brazilian child. These families can find information about transracial/transcultural issues in the form of videos, articles, personal letters and stories, blogs and forums. There is also access to postings made and articles written by former and current international adoptees, non-adopted siblings, and adoptive parents. For families with additional questions, there is a link provided to where they can "ask the expert".



<http://bobanna.blogspot.com/>

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