

Travel to Colombia

FAQ: Documentation Necessary for Travel

If adoptee was born prior to 1990 they do not need a Colombian passport.

If adoptee was born in 1990 to present a Colombian passport is required.

In order to get a Colombian passport you will need to physically go to the Colombian consulate nearest you. You will need to bring your ORIGINAL birth certificate (the birth certificate from Colombia where the adoptive parents are listed), previous passport (if applicable), there is a fee to obtain a passport. Passports are typically issued within 8-15 business days.

Colombian Consulates are in:

Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Orlando, Newark, New York, San Francisco, Toronto Washington D.C., San Juan

If your adopted child was issued a passport prior to turning 18 years old, they are required to get a new passport issued since they are now of legal age. (At this

time they will likely also be issued a cedula, Colombian identification card).

IN ORDER TO LEAVE COLOMBIA:

If your child is a minor and traveling to/from Colombia with both parents present, they will need a valid Colombian passport and their birth certificate.

If your child is a minor and traveling to/from Colombia with only one parent present (or if they are traveling without parents present), written authorization called an Exit Permit is REQUIRED from the parent(s) who are not physically traveling with the child. The required exit permit form can be found below. The Exit Permit HAS TO BE COMPLETED IN SPANISH!

<http://www.migracioncolombia.gov.co/index.php/es/recomendaciones-salida-de-ninos>

There are two ways to complete the Exit Permit authorization:

- 1. The parent or parents, not physically travelling to Colombian need to go to the Colombian Consulate with their passports and the child's birth certificate and get the exit permit authorized.**

2. Complete the Exit Permit form (link above) and have it notarized and apostilled. The original form of this document (that is notarized and apostilled) must be brought to Colombia and presented to immigration at the airport when leaving Colombia.

If you are travelling to/from Colombia and are 18+ you only need a valid Colombian passport that has been issued to you since having turned 18.