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Bulgaria	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/eastern-europe-russia/bulgaria	Sofia, Balkan Mountains, Varna, Rose City of Kazanluk, Plodiv	✓			✓		14 days or 10 day trips available through the "Ties Lite" program	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
Cambodia	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/asia/cambodia	Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Sihanoukville	✓			✓		12 days	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
	Lotus Travels	www.lotustours.net/travel/heritage/vietnam/CambodiaHT.shtml	Phnom Penh, Siem Reap			✓			11 days	Private Tour
Chile	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/latin-america/chile	Individualized						Individualized	Individualized
China	Always and Forever Homeland Tours	www.alwaysforever.us	Individualized	✓		✓			Individualized	10 families maximum per group trip
	Gladney Heritage Tours	www.gladneyasia.org	Individualized	✓					Individualized	Private or semi-private trips are available
	Dillon International	www.dillonadopt.com/birthland-tours	Beijing, Chengdu, Guilin Li River and more	✓					Individualized	Group Trips
	Red Thread Tours	www.redthreadtour.org	Beijing, Xi'an, Capital City with options for: Shanghai, Guangzhou. Other Tours to explore the Yangtze River, Zhangjiajie, Suzhou, Fenghuang Ancient City	✓					15 days	Families with children
	Red Thread Teen Service Tour	www.redthreadtour.org/teen-service-tour1.html	Shanghai, Hangzhou, Tianmu Mountain						14 days	Teens
	Lotus Travels	www.lotustours.net/travel/for_American.html	Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin, Yangshuo,	✓		✓			16 days	Families with Children
	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/asia/china	Beijing, Guilin with options to extend tour: Chengdu, Panda Reserve, Guangzhou, Hong Kong	✓	✓				13-16 days	Families with adoptees 9+ years old
	Sun Travel	www.suntravelusa.net/heritagetour.html	Four different tour options	✓					13 days with options to extend	Families with adoptees 9+ years old
Colombia	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/latin-america/colombia	Bogotá, Zipaquirá, Villa de Leyva	✓					15 days with options to extend or 11 day trips available through the "Ties Lite"	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
	Barker Foundation	www.barkerfoundation.org/post-adoption/colombia-homeland-tours	Inquire with organization						Inquire with organization	Adoptees 13 to 25 years old and their families
Ethiopia	Ritmo Travel and Tour	sites.google.com/site/ritmotravelandtour/ethiopia-tour-packages/ethiopia-homa	Addis Ababa	✓	✓				10 days	Group Trips
Guatemala	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/latin-america/guatemala	Guatemala City, Panajachel, Chichicastenango, Lake Atitlán, Santiago Atitlán, San Juan, Antigua			✓			12 days	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
Haiti	Dillon International	www.dillonadopt.com/birthland-tours/	Port-au-Prince, Ft. Jacques					✓	12 days	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
India	Dillon International	www.dillonadopt.com/birthland-tours	New Delhi, Delhi, Kolkata with option to extend to Jaipur						11 days	Group Trip
	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/asia/india	Delhi, Old Delhi, Agra with options to extend to Jaipur	✓					12 days with 8 day trips available through the "Ties Lite" program	Group, private or semi-private trips are available

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Paraguay	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/latin-america/paraguay	Asunción, Itá, Yaguaron, San Bernadino, Parana River, San Lorenzo				✓	✓	12 days	Private or semi-private trips are available
Peru	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/latin-america/peru	Individualized						Individualized	Private or semi-private trips are available
Philippines	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/asia/philippines	Manila, Tagatay City, Subic Bay, Pamaulaklakin	✓					14 days with 11 day trips available through the Ties Light Program	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
Romania	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/eastern-europe-russia/romania/	Bucharest, Carpathian Mountains, Sighisoara, Sibiu					✓	12 days	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
	Romania Orphan Ministries, Inc.	www.romanianorphanministries.com/european-tours/our-tours/romania-adoption-homeland-tour/	Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu, Oradea,	✓					12 days	Group and private trips are available
Russia	The Ties Program	www.adoptivetravel.com/eastern-europe-russia/russia	Moscow, St. Petersburg, Pushkin	✓					13 days or shorter 9 day trips available through the "Ties Lite" program	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
	Buckner	www.volunteer.buckner.org/p-303-russia-birthland-tour-july-2014.aspx	Moscow, St. Petersburg, Pushkin	✓					11 days	Group Trip
South Korea	★Spence-Chapin - Roots Family Tour	www.spence-chapin.org/za_koreasummerprograms.php	Seoul, Mt. Seorak, Daegu, Gyeongju, Busan	✓			✓		13 days	Adoptees ages 8-25 years old and their families
	★Spence-Chapin - Welcome Home Tour	www.spence-chapin.org/za_koreasummerprograms.php	Seoul						1 week	Adoptees ages 20-35 years old
	Holt International Children's Services - Family Korea	www.holtinternational.org/tours/korea	Inquire with organization	✓				✓	14 days	Group Trip
	Children's Home Society of Dillon International	www.chsfs.org/tourkorea	Options to Kayasan National Park, Busan, Seoul, Hanlim Park, Gyeongju					✓	11 days with 9 day trips available	Adoptees ages 10-45, majority are teens and
		www.dillonadopt.com/birthland-tours	Seoul, Busan, Gyeongju			✓	✓	✓	11 days	Group Trip
Thailand	Holt International Children's Services - Family Thailand	www.holtinternational.org/tours/thailand	Bangkok, Chiang Rai			✓			Contact organization for details	Group Trip
Ukraine	The Ties Program - Ukraine	www.adoptivetravel.com/eastern-europe-russia/ukraine	Kiex, Lviv, Kolomyia, Kosmach	✓					14 days	Group, private or semi-private trips are available
Vietnam	Minh Thuy Homeland Tours	www.minhthuyhomelandtours.com	Individualized Tours of: Kien Giang, Phan Thiet, Vinh Long, Da Lat, Halong bay, Nha Trang, Hue, Hoi An, Can Tho, Vung Tau, Saigon						Individualized	Private Tour
	Motherland Heritage	www.motherland-heritage.com	Two travel options	✓			✓		15 days with options to extend to see child's birth city	Birth parents tour with adoptees. Child friendly
	Catalyst Foundation	www.catalystfoundation.org/cultural-tour	Hanoi, Ha Long, Hue, Hoi An, Nha Trang, Saigon						12 days	Child Friendly
	Lotus Travels	www.lotustours.net/travel/heritage/vietnam/index.shtml	Three travel options	✓			✓	✓	14-15 days	Private Tour