

Why is Thailand dental tourism so popular?



There are several factors that have contributed to **Thailand's 20+ years as a major hub for dental tourism**, including cost, the beautiful location, and the stringent education requirements.

Thailand dental costs

The main reason anyone considers travelling abroad for medical care is to save money. Dental work in Thailand costs considerably less than in New Zealand with possible savings of around 50-70%.

Although Thailand might not be the cheapest country for dental work, tens of thousands of patients each year still find the savings large enough to cover the cost of their flights and accommodation, too.

Cosmetic dentistry is particularly popular in Thailand, but you can still save money on more routine work if you have enough done. Keep reading to learn more about Bangkok Pattaya Hospital's dental prices for procedures including:

- Dental implants
- All-on-4 (full mouth implants)
- Veneers
- Crowns
- Teeth whitening
- Root canals

An ideal location for a dental vacation

Because of its location, Thailand attracts visitors from all over the world – including the US, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand – all hoping to save big money on their dental care while enjoying a tropical holiday. Citizens from 40 different countries, including those mentioned, can visit Thailand for a short stay without a pre-arranged visa.

Education and regulation of dentists in Thailand



All dentists should be registered with the Thai Dental Council. Dentists in Thailand must study for six years at one of the country's nine dental schools to obtain their DDS degree. Then they must work in the public dental system for three years before entering the private sector – otherwise, they must pay back some of their fees to the government.

Dentistry is a highly respected career in Thailand since so few high school graduates can afford higher education.

The primary governing body for **dentists in Thailand** is the Thai Dental Council (TDC). Dentists are automatically granted a licence from the TDC upon graduation. The TDC sets standards for dental professionals with regards to education, professional development, attitude, and general competency. There is currently no requirement for continuing education in order to maintain the licence, but the TDC encourages dentists to attend courses to keep up-to-date with current practices.

Facilities and standards

Wherever there is a booming dental tourism industry, dental clinics are in tough competition for patients. This encourages them to maintain equipment and facilities that match – if not exceed – those found in tourists' home countries. Dentists also understand the importance of word-of-mouth recommendations and reviews, so they will do their best to give patients an excellent experience.



However, this doesn't mean that all dentists in Thailand follow the same high standards. Some may just be chasing a profit with no real commitment to customer care. It's therefore important to research your choice carefully and find impartial reviews of your selected dentist and clinic.

Also bear in mind that one person's bad experience doesn't necessarily mean the dentist is bad. Procedures sometimes fail, even when carried out by the most experienced dental professionals. But you can often tell a lot from the way they handle the situation and whether the patient ends up satisfied.

Dental Cosmetic and Implant Centre provides examination and treatment for oral, gum and tooth diseases with state-of-the-art technology used by the team of dental specialists, covering all branches.

Effectively taking care of all dental issues for you and your family with our International Standard certified sterile system, in our private treatment rooms providing a comfortable relaxed atmosphere.

To get an accurate quote for dental here is the information that is required

to get your quote

- Description of your dental needs
- Recent x-rays (panoramic)
- Photos of your smile
- Treatment plan provided by your local dentist

We can use any or all of the above information to provide your price estimate and let you know how long to plan your trip for.

Description of your dental needs

Simply describe in as much detail as possible what kind of treatments or procedures you anticipate needing. If you can explain which tooth or teeth needs treatment, this is very useful. Be as specific as possible! We do want to make sure we provide you with as accurate an estimate as we can.

X-Rays

Just send us copies of your recent dental x-rays by email. We can then have our dental specialists provide a clinic evaluation of your x-rays and recommend a treatment plan. Your x-rays are crucial information that is needed to evaluate complex dental cases that require implant treatments, extensive reconstructions, root canals, or multiple procedures.

Photos

Just take some photos of your smile and send them to us! Photos that are useful include:

- Face shot, smiling naturally
- Close up of your lips and teeth: naturally smiling, from straight on and from the right & left sides
- Close ups of your teeth only from straight on and from the right & left sides
- If possible, the biting surfaces on the top and bottom of your teeth

For cosmetic treatments, or to provide an evaluation of how to give you a full makeover, these photos are very important.

Your Current Treatment Plan

Has your local dentist given you a shock with his treatment plan? Just send us a scanned copy of the treatment plan, or type out the list of procedures recommended. We can then give you a comparison price quote on how much you will save on the exact same procedures! The dentist must hand over any records and x-rays on your request!

Where to send the information

Any information about your case, including photos, x-rays, or treatment plans can be sent to Bums Tums and Gums coordinator at this email address: info@jbtg.co.nz and your information will be sent to the vast dental clinic at the hospital

Cosmetic Dentistry is a dental science which particularly enhances the patient's dental Confidence with a bright smile while simultaneously solves the occlusion problem. Bangkok Hospital Pattaya Dental Cosmetic and Implant Centre is the biggest and most modern Dental Centre in the eastern part of Thailand.

At the hospital we have all branches of Dental Specialists who set up the team to effectively solve all the patient's dental problems.

Currently, innovation in dentistry such as materials, procedures and technologies are dramatically progressive which can help dentists to provide greatly fantastic smile to the patients more easily.

There are 10 specialties covered in the Dental Cosmetic and Implant Centre at Bangkok Pattaya hospital which are:

- Pediatric dentistry: Provides dental treatment for children
- Orthodontics: Treatment for tooth alignment to give you a beautiful smile with effective chewing and function
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery: Surgical treatment in addition to tooth extraction including additional surgery if required to other structures in the oral cavity and facial area
- Prosthetic Dentistry: Treatment to replace structures in the oral cavity for function and beauty such as veneers which will resolve a beauty issue in the smile.
- Implant Dentistry: Treatment by implant into the jaw bone along with a dental crown to replace the lost tooth
- Maxillofacial Prosthetics: Treatment to replace the structures in the oral cavity
- Endodontics: Treatment for pain and inflammation from the occlusion and root tips
- Periodontics: Treatment of root canals including gums and bone, surgery to the root canal as appropriate retaining the root canal in good condition for effective functioning of the teeth
- Operative & Esthetic Dentistry

Dental procedures for beauty, restoration of teeth to replace any lost ones so the patient can have normal teeth function including restoration for beauty purposes:

- General dentistry
- Zoom!™ Tooth Whitening

Medical technologies used for diagnosis and treatment

1. Dental CT Scan with 360 degrees of oral and dental x-rays
 - 3D images of teeth and jaw model

- Evaluation of the bone thickness before operation
- Accurate dental treatment plans
- Pre-Implantation can be more precise

2. Endomicroscope

Dental treatment using innovative technology with a surgical operating microscope camera giving better visualization of the areas that normally cannot be seen by the naked eye, with increasing magnification up to 25 times, resulting in high precision positioning and visibility of the treatment area.



Endomicroscope helps by making dental treatment easier and more effective.

Endomicroscope features include:

- Locating the entrance to the root canal, otherwise too difficult to treat.
- Surgical implantation in some locations
- Reduces processing and treatment times
- Reducing the risk of unnecessary dentin scratches.
- Enhanced treatment opportunities in difficult and complicated cases

Medical equipment sterilized by international standard sterilization systems

Implants

The Dental Cosmetic and Implant Centre takes into consideration cleanliness, safety and sterilization. All equipment used for dental treatment has to go through a stringent sterilization system from our unit that has quality accreditation according to international standards. We can ensure you that each treatment is carried out with the utmost sterility.



If you've lost one or more teeth, your dentist may suggest you get dental implants as a treatment option. Dental implants are artificial structures that replace your tooth roots. A dental surgeon puts the implant into your jawbone, and it provides a strong foundation for an artificial tooth called a crown. The crown is custom made to match the colour of the rest of your teeth and custom-made to fit your mouth. It will function, feel, and look like your natural teeth.

It's important to keep in mind that the process of getting dental implants is time-consuming. It usually requires more than one visit to the dentist. The whole process may take, a couple of weeks or several months, depending on your specific oral condition, requirement, and the type of implant you want. Therefore, you'll need to fly to Thailand at least twice during the process. Although the process is time-consuming, dental implants are considered the best teeth replacement treatment since they're stronger, last longer, and fit better than dentures and bridges.

To give you an idea of prices see below (based on THB20=\$1NZD)

BUMS TUMS AND GUMS DENTAL COSTS <i>Please be aware some work can take up to 3 weeks in Thailand, implants you would require a minimum of 2 trips to Thailand</i>	THB price from	to	NZ\$ from	to
Dental examination and final treatment plan	300	1000	15	50
FILLINGS				
Amalgam Filling	900	2100	45	105
Composite Resin filling	1100	2500	55	125
VENEERS				
Direct Composite resin veneer	1700	2600	85	130
Pin	4200	6200	210	310
Porcelain Veneer	13200	14200	660	710
CROWNS				
All Porcelain Crown	14200	16200	710	810
Palladium Crown	13200	14700	660	735
Semi Precious crown	15200	18200	760	910
High Precious Crown	17200	21200	860	1060
IMPANTS				
Implants-2-3 trips to Thailand required with 4-5 months between visits	54000	75000	2700	3750
DENTURES				
Removable partial denture w/acrylic resin 1-3 teeth/piece	3200	5200	160	260
Removable partial denture w/metel base plate/piece	12200	15200	610	760
Complete denture/arch	13200	16700	660	835
ROOT CANAL				
Root Canal Treamtmet plus x-ray	9000	15000	450	750
Retreated Root Canal Treatment include X-ray	11000	18000	550	900
EXTRACTION				
Simple Extraction	1100	1400	55	70

Extraction with Open Flap	1600	2200	80	110
Impacted Tooth	2700	5800	135	290
CLEANING				
Full mouth scaling and polishing- 1 visit	1000	1700	50	85
Root Planing/quadrant	2100	2600	105	130
Open flap Curettage/Quadrant	5200	6000	260	300
Zoom Whitening Bleaching	13000	13500	650	675
Home Whitening Bleaching	8000	9500	400	475
Fluoride application-1 visit	750	1000	37.5	50
Sealant	530	750	26.5	37.5
MISC				
Stainless steel crown	2600	3500	130	175
Orthodontic treatment	55000	85000	2750	4250
Invisalign	90000	190000	4500	9500
Retainer/piece	3000	4000	150	200
Periapical film (each xray)	200	300	10	15
Panoramic film (xray)	750	900	37.5	45
Computerised Tomotgraphy	6500	9000	325	450