# TOP 6 DESTINATIONS FOR MEDICAL TOURISM





#### TURKEY—

Turkey is a country of diversity given its location that spans both to the east and the west. This country is oft visited by both holiday tourists and medical tourists alike, making it the world's 6th topmost country for medical tourism. 35 million people visited Turkey in 2013, from which around 188,095 were medical tourists and the number has seen a significant rise in subsequent years. Turkey's Ministry of Health further expects to generate revenue of \$20 billion through medical tourism and an increment of international patients to 2 million by the year 2023. This will be done by introducing tax-free healthcare zones for foreign patients.

The country is especially visited for stem cell, liver, bone and kidney transplantation, ophthalmology, cardiology, genetic testing, orthopedics, neurosurgery, dentistry and cosmetic surgical procedures. Patients can save between 50-65% including travel costs and the savings can go as high as 70%. When it comes to quality healthcare, Turkey ranks third after USA and Germany with 44 JCI accredited hospitals in the region.









#### **THAILAND**

With an economy that is steadily booming, Thailand now shares the limelight with India and Malaysia when it comes to medical travel. The first JCI accreditation went to a private hospital in Bangkok, with 15 healthcare facilities now being JCI certified. Bumrangrad International Hospital in Bangkok has more than 900 certified, full-time physicians on board covering nearly all specialties and subspecialties in treatment procedures. Out of these, 300 are US board certified.

Medical tourists can save up to 40-60% fee in treatment here, as compared to US, European countries and Japan. International patients flock to Thailand seeking surgical procedures like transgender surgery, cosmetic surgery, cardiology, orthopedics, reproductive medicine, spine surgery, and dentistry.

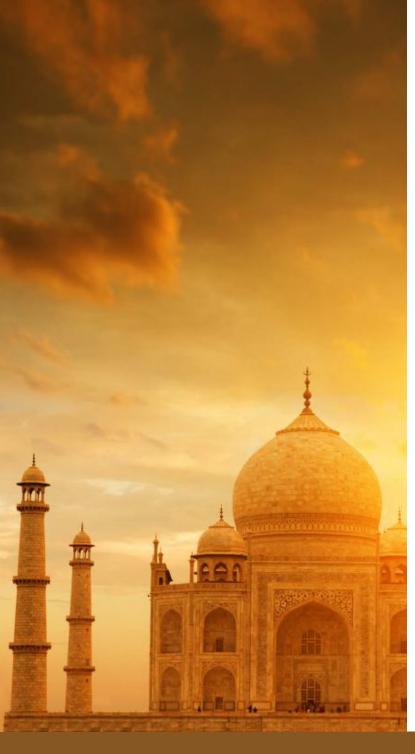








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#### INDIA-

With a surging economy in the troubled subcontinent, India attracts more than 250,000 medical tourists annually. The most jaw-dropping fact is that these patients save up to 80% in costs on high-end surgical procedures that include the heart and joint surgeries. Unlike other Asian countries, India produces world-class physicians internally in its state-of-the- art teaching hospitals and research centers. 35,000 Indian physicians practice in the US and one in every 6 physicians in the US is an Indian.

India's medical tourism revenue is estimated to be \$3 billion, allowing India to bag a place amongst the top three medical tourism destinations in Asia.









### CHINA-

It is not just stellar medical facilities that China has to offer. People travel to China for its famed traditional Chinese and herbal medicine as well. Home to cutting-edge stem cell research, China offers international patients access to stem cell treatment that is still nascent or in its experimental stages in their home country.

People prefer traveling to China to get access to quality healthcare treatment in cardiology, orthopedics and neurology at low costs.











## SINGAPORE-

With a healthcare system that is the best in all of Asia and sixth best in the entire world, a medical vacation to Singapore is cost effective and 40% reduced. It attracts international clientele not only from its neighbors but also from the US and UK, owing to its clean cosmopolitan environment and numerous JCI accredited healthcare centers widespread in the tiny country.

Qualitatively, Singapore's healthcare system ranks higher than most European countries, as the country has the lowest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world. Singapore treats around 550,000 medical tourists annually and offers specialties in nearly all medical procedures that exist.









## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—

A preferred destination for plastic surgery, US patients save up to 60% in treatment here including airfare and traveling expenses. Known for the best beaches in the world, Dominican Republic attracts medical tourists by offering them the best of both worlds—quality and cost-effective healthcare coupled with vacation spots to rejuvenate. Patients travel here for cardiology, cosmetic surgery, dentistry and orthopedic procedures.

Medical tourism is not only favorable for patients looking for affordable and quality service but is also profitable for international doctors. If you are a healthcare practitioner who wants to grow their international clientele, you can partner with Medical Tourism Business that can connect your clinic with medical tourism agencies and facilitators who will direct international clientele your way. Contact them today and expand your client base!





