

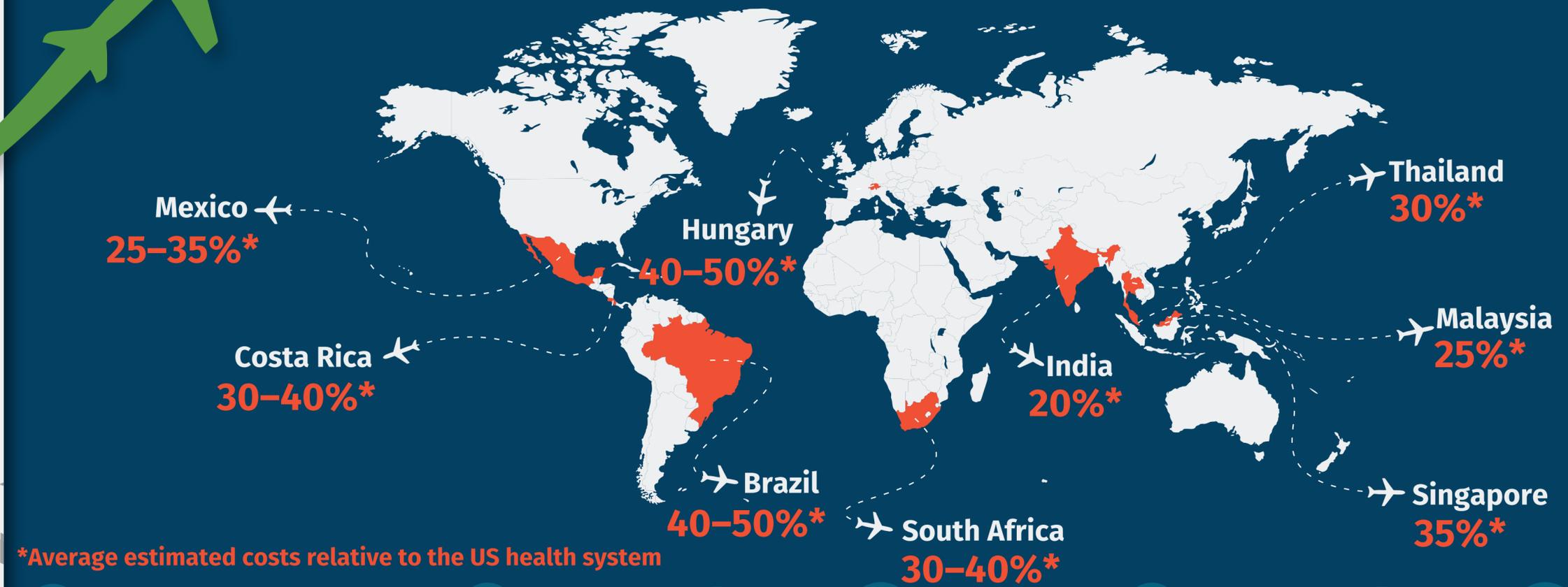
Ticket to a new you: **Impact** of medical tourism on cosmetic surgery in America

State-of-the-art facilities and lower prices have increased medical tourism in developing countries



How does the globalization of cosmetic surgery affect the practice in America?

Major destinations of American medical tourists



👍 The positives

- Reduced cost
- Better patient care
- State-of-art facilities
- Added bonus of vacation

👎 The negatives

- Hidden risks
- Gap between data and presented information
- New environment
- Scarce data regarding clinical outcomes and follow-up

👉 The way forward?

- Reduce domestic costs
- Provide superior care
- Counsel about risks
- Increase collaboration abroad

American plastic surgeons must understand global medical tourism trends and learn to adapt to them

