

A STRAIGHT ANSWER FROM SMILEWORKS

Dental implant costs in 2026

What you pay for.

What to check.

What happens afterwards.

Implants cost real money. You deserve to know where it goes.

This guide explains why quotes differ, what your treatment plan should include and what to ask before you pay. It also gives you our plain advice about treatment abroad.

Single implants from

£2,500

Consultation with Dr JK

£90

These are Smileworks prices, not a UK average. Your written treatment plan sets out your own costs and what is included. Finance is available, subject to eligibility.

A lower price is useful.

A clear, complete price is essential.

SMILEWORKS PATIENT PHOTOGRAPHS

A smile, before and after.

BEFORE



AFTER



One patient's result. Your treatment and outcome will depend on your own teeth, gums and bone.

01 / UNDERSTAND THE COST

You are paying for a finished tooth.

The implant is only one part of the treatment.

The assessment and plan

Your dentist checks the teeth, gums and bite, reviews your health and arranges the imaging needed. Bone levels and nearby structures affect where an implant can go. Good planning starts before surgery.

The implant and connector

The implant replaces the root. A connector called an abutment joins it to the crown. These are precision-made components. Ask which implant system is being used and keep the details with your records.

The tooth you see

The crown is made in a dental laboratory. Its shape, colour and fit need to work with your existing teeth. A front tooth must blend into your smile. A back tooth must work comfortably when you chew.

The surgery and follow-up

Your fee also pays for clinical time, trained staff, equipment and the care specified in your plan. Placing the implant is one appointment in a course of treatment, not the whole job.

At Smileworks

Single implants start from **£2,500**. We use Osstem implants and plan the replacement tooth alongside the surgery. Your quote explains the components, appointments and any additional work needed.

Do not compare a price for an implant screw with a price for a completed tooth.

Why do quotes differ?

Different mouths need different work. Some adverts also leave things out.

A gap with healthy bone and gums may be straightforward. A damaged tooth, gum disease or bone loss can mean more treatment. Several adjacent teeth may be replaced with an implant-supported bridge, so you may not need an implant for every tooth.

Ask what is included

Assessment and imaging	Consultation, X-rays and any CBCT scan
Preparation	Extractions, gum treatment, bone grafting or a sinus lift
Implant treatment	Implant, connector, final crown or bridge and fitting
During healing	Temporary tooth, adjustments and review appointments
Comfort and aftercare	Sedation if needed, follow-up and ongoing maintenance

You might not need an implant

If a tooth can reasonably be saved, JK will discuss that first. A crown, bridge or another treatment may suit you better. Paying less for the right treatment is sensible. Paying for treatment you do not need is not.

Ask for the total in writing

Check which costs are fixed and which depend on further findings. Ask what could change the plan. A starting price is useful, but it is not a personal quote.

Implants are usually private treatment. NHS provision is limited to certain clinical circumstances. [3]

03 / TREATMENT ABROAD

Do not book the flight before you have a plan.

Our advice is firm: do not choose implant surgery on price alone. There are skilled dentists abroad. The questions are who will treat you, what they will do and who will look after you when you are home.

A hotel package is not an aftercare plan

Check the treating dentist's qualifications and registration, the clinic's arrangements for complications and how you would make a complaint. Get the guarantee in writing, including who pays for repairs and return travel. [1]

Count every trip

Add flights, accommodation, time off work and any extra stay or return visit to the treatment price. Check insurance for planned treatment and complications. A low headline price can become expensive when you need to go back. [2]

Healing does not follow a flight timetable

Ask why the proposed schedule is suitable for your mouth. Find out what happens if healing takes longer. Do not accept pressure to agree quickly, vague answers about complications or a plan with no aftercare. [2]

Know who will help at home

Do not assume another dentist has agreed to maintain or repair the work. Speak to them before you travel. Ask for copies of your scans, treatment records and implant details so future care can be properly assessed.

Before you pay a deposit

Get a second opinion, particularly if the plan involves removing teeth. Ask whether they can be saved. Make sure the dentist has examined you and explained the alternatives. If you cannot get clear answers, stop. [1, 2]

These checks apply in the UK too. An expensive quote is not proof of good care.

04 / YOUR IMPLANT DENTIST

Meet Dr JK.

Dr Jihad Kader

JK to his patients.

He teaches other dentists how to place implants. At Smileworks, he plans both the surgery and your finished teeth.

He holds a master's degree in Oral Implantology and a Diploma in Restorative Dentistry from the Royal College of Surgeons of England.



Experience that covers the whole treatment

JK leads implant care at Smileworks. His work includes implant surgery, bone grafting and gum reconstruction. He reports placing more than 1,000 implants.*

*Implant placement figure is clinician-reported. GDC registration: 245088.

05 / YOUR CONSULTATION

Stop guessing. Find out what you need.

Calling around is useful. But nobody can tell you exactly what your mouth needs without examining it. A consultation turns general prices into advice about your teeth.

Your £90 consultation

Tell him what matters

What you want to change, what scares you and what you can spend.

Understand your options

JK examines your mouth and explains the suitable treatments, their limitations and any further investigations needed.

Know the plan and cost

Your written plan sets out the proposed work and fees. We explain the stages, likely timescale and aftercare. Ask which scans are included and whether further diagnostic work costs extra.

You do not have to agree to treatment at the consultation. Take the plan home. Think about it. Ask more questions.

06 / MAKE A DECISION

Know what happens next.

Ask about aftercare and the guarantee

Implants need cleaning and regular reviews. Crowns and other components may need repair or replacement over time. Ask what routine care costs and what happens if an implant fails. Smileworks offers a five-year implant guarantee with maintenance conditions. Ask for the written terms, including what is covered and any costs that remain yours.

Compare the total, not just the monthly payment

Finance is available, subject to affordability, age and status. Minimum spend applies. Ask for the deposit, interest rate, number of payments and total amount repayable. Make sure the payments work for you. Our team can explain the options without asking you to decide on the spot.

Before you say yes

Know who is treating you. Understand the alternatives. Get the full quote. Check the temporary-tooth plan. Read the aftercare and guarantee terms. If anything is unclear, ask.

Book your £90 consultation with JK

Call 0151 236 5166

Ask for an implant consultation with Dr JK.

Book online at Smileworks

If you cannot find the appointment you need, call us.

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Sources and further reading

[1] General Dental Council: Going abroad for dental treatment

[2] NHS: Treatment abroad checklist

[3] NHS: Dental treatments

Smileworks prices and service information: October 2026. Your individual treatment plan confirms fees and inclusions. This guide is general information, not a diagnosis.