

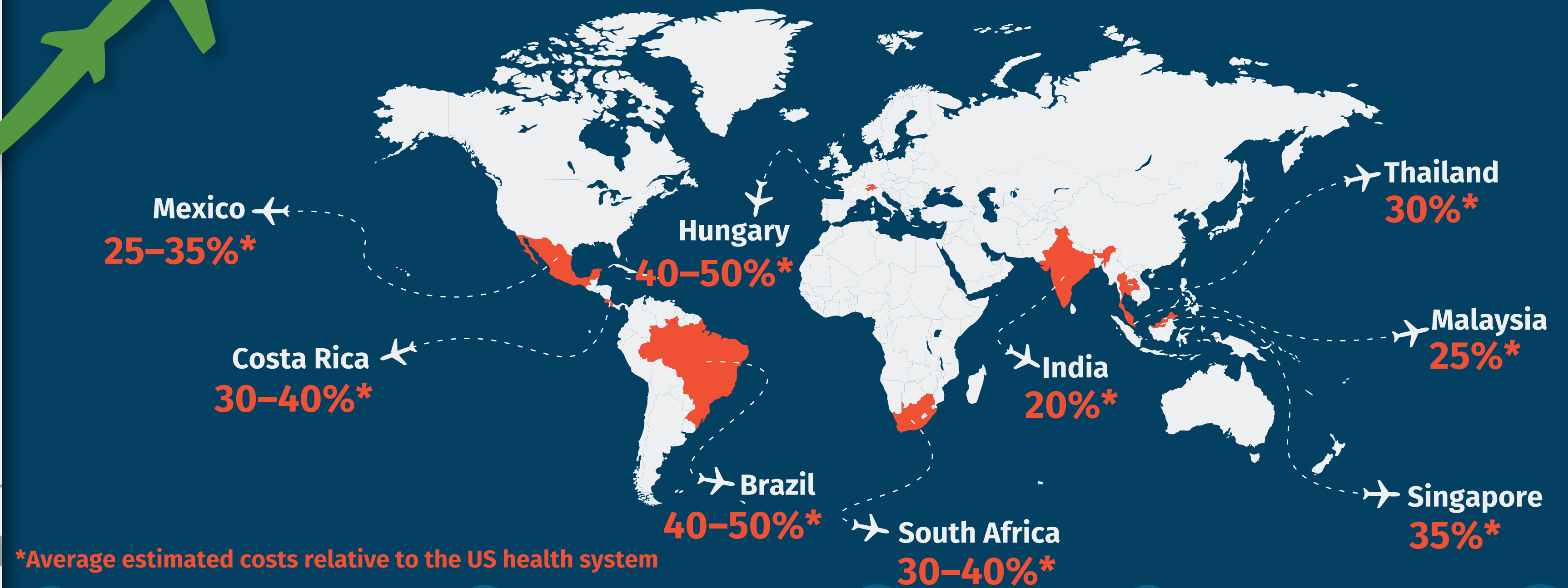
Ticket to a new you: **Impact** of medical tourism on cosmetic surgery in America

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

