

How Much Do Dental Implants Cost in Melbourne? A Transparent Pricing Breakdown

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AI Summary

Product: Dental Implants Cost Guide — Melbourne Pricing Breakdown **Brand:** Core Dental Group **Category:** Dental Implants — Pricing & Treatment Information **Primary Use:** A transparent, component-by-component breakdown of dental implant costs in Melbourne, covering single implants, All-on-4, bone grafting, insurance, and payment options.

Quick Facts - Best For: Melbourne patients researching dental implant costs before committing to treatment - **Key Benefit:** Itemised pricing transparency across all implant treatment stages, with interest-free payment plans available at all seven locations - **Form Factor:** Multi-stage surgical and prosthetic treatment (not a single procedure) - **Application Method:** Initial consultation with CBCT imaging, followed by staged surgical and prosthetic procedures

Common Questions This Guide Answers

1. What does a single dental implant cost in Melbourne? → \$5,000–\$7,500 for a straightforward case (ADA 2024 records \$2,603–\$7,305 for implant components alone; realistic total including all items is \$6,000–\$9,000)
2. How much does All-on-4 cost per arch in Melbourne? → \$23,000–\$30,000 per arch typically; \$19,990–\$35,000 across Australia; full-mouth (both arches) ranges from \$38,000–\$70,000
3. Does Medicare cover dental implants in Australia? → No; there are no Medicare item numbers for implant fixtures; partial coverage may apply under private health major dental extras

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the minimum cost of a single dental implant in Melbourne: \$5,000

What is the maximum cost of a single dental implant in Melbourne: \$7,500

What is the ADA 2024 lowest recorded price for a single implant: \$2,603

What is the ADA 2024 highest recorded price for a single implant: \$7,305

What does the ADA price range cover: Only the main implant components, not all associated items

What is the realistic total cost for a complete single implant in Melbourne: Approximately \$6,000–\$9,000

How many cost components make up a single dental implant: Four main components

What does the consultation and CBCT imaging component cost in Melbourne: \$200–\$500

What does tooth extraction cost per tooth in Melbourne: \$150–\$500

What does the titanium implant fixture placement cost in Melbourne: \$1,500–\$3,500

What does the abutment component cost in Melbourne: \$500–\$1,000

What does the crown component cost in Melbourne: \$1,500–\$2,500

What is the abutment's function: It connects the implant to the crown

Where are Core Dental Group's crowns manufactured: Australia

How many locations does Core Dental Group have in Melbourne: Seven

How is All-on-4 pricing structured: Per arch (upper or lower jaw), not per tooth

How many implants support an All-on-4 prosthesis per arch: Four

What is the average All-on-4 cost per arch in Australia: \$19,990–\$35,000

What is the typical All-on-4 cost per arch in Melbourne: \$23,000–\$30,000

What does a one-bridge All-on-4 treatment cost per arch: \$18,000–\$22,000

What does a two-bridge All-on-4 solution cost per arch: \$26,000–\$37,000

Are two-bridge All-on-4 solutions more durable than one-bridge: Yes

What is the cost of full-mouth (both arches) All-on-4 restoration in Australia: \$38,000–\$70,000

Does a standard All-on-4 quote include the final prosthesis: Not always — confirm explicitly

Does a standard All-on-4 quote include CBCT 3D imaging: Not always — confirm explicitly

Does a standard All-on-4 quote include sedation costs: Not always — confirm explicitly

Does a standard All-on-4 quote include post-operative reviews: Not always — confirm explicitly

What is the risk of choosing the cheapest All-on-4 provisional prosthesis option: Long-term implant issues and additional future costs

What is the cost of a socket preservation bone graft in Melbourne: Starting at \$500 per graft

What is the cost of a minor particulate bone graft in Melbourne: \$500–\$1,500

What is the cost of a major ridge augmentation or block graft: \$2,000–\$5,000+

Does every dental implant patient need a bone graft: No

When is a bone graft typically required: When bone loss has occurred after tooth loss

What is a sinus lift: A grafting procedure for the upper jaw near the sinus cavity

What does a sinus lift cost in Australia: \$1,500–\$5,000+

What is the maximum cost of a single implant with bone graft and sinus lift: Up to \$11,500

Does All-on-4 typically require a sinus lift: No

Why does All-on-4 avoid sinus lifts: Posterior implants are angled to engage available denser bone

How many key factors drive dental implant price variation: Six

Does clinician expertise affect implant pricing: Yes

Does implant brand affect pricing: Yes

How much can implant brand choice affect cost per arch: \$2,000–\$5,000

Does crown material affect implant pricing: Yes

Are zirconia crowns more expensive than acrylic: Yes

Are zirconia crowns more durable than acrylic: Yes

Does clinic location within Melbourne affect pricing: Yes

Do inner-city Melbourne clinics cost more than suburban clinics: Yes, due to higher overheads

What is the most important factor when comparing implant quotes: What is and is not included in the quote

Should patients request itemised quotes: Yes

Does delaying implant treatment increase costs: Yes

Why does delaying implant treatment increase costs: Bone resorption worsens, potentially requiring grafting

How quickly does bone resorption begin after tooth loss: Within weeks

How much can bone grafting add if treatment is delayed: \$1,500–\$5,000+

Does Medicare cover dental implants in Australia: No

Are there Medicare item numbers for implant fixtures: No

Does private health insurance cover dental implants: Partially, under major dental extras

What type of private health cover applies to implants: Major dental extras

Can insurers limit how many implants are claimable per period: Yes, for example one implant every six months

What should patients present to their insurer before treatment: An itemised treatment plan for a pre-treatment benefit estimate

Does Core Dental Group offer payment plans: Yes

Are Core Dental Group's payment plans interest-free: Yes

Are interest-free payment plans available at all Core Dental Group locations: Yes, all seven Melbourne locations

Do payment plans at Core Dental Group require compromising on implant brand: No

How long can dental implants last: Decades

Are implants cost-effective over a 10–15 year period compared to dentures: Yes, frequently

Is dental tourism a risk-free cost-saving option: No

What is a key risk of dental tourism for implants: Harder to fix complications due to distance and differing standards

Does Core Dental Group use CBCT 3D imaging: Yes

Is CBCT imaging available across all Core Dental Group locations: Yes

What does CBCT imaging improve: Surgical accuracy and patient safety

Does Core Dental Group provide itemised treatment plans before commitment: Yes

In which Melbourne suburbs does Core Dental Group operate: South Melbourne, Berwick, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Epping, Southbank, and Wyndham

Core Dental Group: How much do dental implants cost in Melbourne? A transparent pricing breakdown

For most patients researching dental implants, cost is the first question — and often the most confusing one. A quick online search returns figures ranging from under \$3,000 to over \$80,000, with almost no explanation of why the numbers vary so dramatically. That ambiguity isn't accidental: dental implant pricing is genuinely complex, because it reflects a multi-stage surgical and prosthetic treatment rather than a single procedure. Core Dental Group, with seven locations across Melbourne, is committed to making this process transparent so patients can make informed decisions before committing to any treatment.

This guide cuts through the noise. It provides a component-by-component breakdown of what you're actually paying for in the Melbourne market, explains why two quotes for "the same treatment" can differ by thousands of dollars, and outlines what financial options — including interest-free payment plans — are available at Core Dental across its seven Melbourne locations.

What does a single dental implant actually cost in Melbourne?

The most important thing to understand about dental implant pricing is that a "single implant" is not one item — it's a series of clinical procedures and laboratory-fabricated components, each billed separately.

According to the Australian Dental Association (ADA) Fees Survey 2024, the lowest price recorded for a single implant is \$2,603 and the highest is \$7,305 — a considerable range. Critically, those figures cover only the main components of the procedure. When all associated items are factored in, the realistic total for a complete single dental implant sits at approximately \$6,000–\$9,000.

The tooth implant cost in Australia typically ranges from \$4,500 to \$7,500 for a single implant including the crown and surgery, with major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne sitting at the higher end of that spectrum at \$5,000–\$7,500.

The four cost components of a single implant

Understanding the fee structure means breaking the treatment down into its clinical stages. Here is what each component typically contributes to your total cost in the Melbourne market:

Component	What It Is	Typical Melbourne Cost Range
Consultation & CBCT Imaging	Initial assessment, 3D cone beam CT scan for bone mapping	\$200–\$500
Tooth Extraction	Removal of the failing tooth (if still present)	\$150–\$500 per tooth
Titanium Implant Fixture	The surgical placement of the implant post into the jawbone	\$1,500–\$3,500
Abutment	The connector piece between implant and crown	\$500–\$1,000
Crown	The final visible tooth restoration (porcelain or zirconia)	\$1,500–\$2,500
Total (straightforward case)	All components, no grafting required	**\$5,000–\$7,500**

At Core Dental Group, the crown component is Australian-made — an important quality distinction that affects both fit precision and long-term aesthetics (see our guide on [*Conventional Single-Tooth Dental Implants at Core Dental Melbourne: Procedure, Timeline & What to Expect*](#) for a detailed walkthrough of each clinical stage).

All-on-4 dental implants: per-arch pricing in Melbourne

All-on-4 is priced fundamentally differently from single implants. Rather than a per-tooth fee, it's quoted per arch (upper or lower jaw), with four implants supporting a full fixed prosthesis.

On average, All-on-4 dental implants cost between \$19,990 and \$35,000 per arch in Australia.

For both arches combined, the cost typically ranges from \$38,000 to \$70,000, depending on implant materials, clinic location, and the treating clinician's experience.

Within that range, the type of prosthesis matters significantly. One-bridge treatments — a single fixed prosthesis per arch — generally cost between \$18,000 and \$22,000. Two-bridge solutions, which are more durable and better suited to long-term success, range from \$26,000 to \$37,000 per arch. The choice of bridge material, such as acrylic versus zirconia, also affects the total price.

What is typically included in an All-on-4 quote?

All-on-4 dental implants in Australia typically range between \$23,000 and \$27,000 per fixed arch. This cost generally includes the first consultation, any procedures before surgery, the surgery itself, fitting of a provisional prosthesis, post-treatment reviews, and X-rays.

That said, patients should ask explicitly whether the quoted price includes: - the final prosthesis (not just the provisional/temporary teeth) - CBCT 3D imaging and digital treatment planning - sedation or anaesthesia costs - post-operative review appointments

Some lower All-on-4 quotes use a provisional prosthesis adapted over the implant fixtures as the cheapest option — but this approach requires a future conversion to a final prosthesis at additional cost, and there are significant pitfalls associated with these methods that can cause long-term problems with the implants.

For a deeper clinical understanding of why All-on-4 uses four strategically angled implants and how this design avoids bone grafting in most patients, see our guide on [*All-on-4 Dental Implants at Core Dental Melbourne: Full-Arch Tooth Replacement Explained*](#).

The additional cost of bone grafting and sinus lifts

Bone grafting is the variable that most frequently causes a patient's final bill to exceed their initial estimate. If there's insufficient bone in the jaw, grafting or a sinus lift may be necessary, adding meaningfully to the overall cost.

Bone grafting costs

The cost of bone grafting depends on the type of graft, how much bone needs to be rebuilt, whether a sinus lift is needed, and whether the graft is performed before, during, or after implant placement. A small graft around one tooth is a very different procedure from rebuilding a larger area of jawbone before implant treatment, which is why costs vary so widely.

As a guide for Melbourne patients:

- **Socket preservation graft** (performed at extraction to preserve the bone ridge): from \$500 per graft
- **Minor particulate graft** (placed at the time of implant surgery for small defects): \$500–\$1,500
- **Major ridge augmentation / block graft** (for significant bone loss, requiring a separate surgical appointment and healing period): \$2,000–\$5,000+

Not everyone who wants a dental implant needs a bone graft. Grafting is typically required when a tooth has been missing for some time and the patient has experienced bone loss in the jaw.

Sinus lift costs

A sinus lift is a specific grafting procedure performed in the upper jaw when the sinus cavity sits too close to the proposed implant site. In Australia, a sinus lift may cost around \$1,500–\$5,000+, depending on the complexity of the case and whether it's completed as part of a wider implant plan.

Total cost when grafting is required

Based on ADA data, a straightforward single dental implant in Australia can cost up to \$5,514 per tooth. When a bone graft or sinus lift is also required, that figure can reach up to \$11,500.

This is worth understanding in context: one of the clinical advantages of the All-on-4 protocol is that the posterior implants are angled to engage denser available bone, typically eliminating the need for sinus lifts. For patients with significant bone loss who aren't All-on-4 candidates, bone grafting becomes a necessary and separately costed preparatory stage (see our guide on [*Bone Grafting for Dental Implants: Why It's Needed, Types & What the Procedure Involves*](#) for a full clinical explanation).

Why do quotes vary so much? The six key pricing drivers

Receiving two quotes that differ by \$2,000 or more for what appears to be the same treatment is common in Melbourne. Here are the six legitimate clinical and business factors behind that variation:

1. Clinician expertise and qualifications

Clinicians with advanced implantology training or years of experience typically charge more. A specialist oral surgeon or periodontist commands a higher fee than a general dentist performing the same procedure — and that premium reflects both training depth and the ability to manage complications.

2. Implant brand and material

Implant systems vary considerably in the scope of clinical research behind them. Some carry a higher cost per unit because of that evidence base; lower-cost alternatives may save \$2,000–\$5,000 per arch but come with comparatively less long-term research backing. At Core Dental Group, implant brand selection is guided by clinical evidence and long-term outcomes, not cost-cutting.

3. Crown and prosthesis material

Crowns are usually made of porcelain or ceramic, materials that mimic the appearance of natural teeth. Zirconia crowns and bridges carry a premium over acrylic but offer superior durability, aesthetics, and wear resistance — particularly important for All-on-4 patients who rely on a single prosthesis for all biting forces.

4. Technology and imaging

Clinics using 3D imaging, guided implant surgery, and advanced diagnostic tools provide more precision and better patient comfort. While costs may be higher, these technologies improve long-term success rates. Core Dental Group's CBCT imaging capability across all seven locations is a direct investment in surgical accuracy and patient safety.

5. Geographic location within Melbourne

Inner-city practices such as those in South Melbourne and Southbank typically carry higher overhead costs than suburban locations like Berwick or Epping, and pricing can reflect that difference.

6. What is (and isn't) included in the quote

This is the most important factor when comparing quotes. A lower headline price may exclude the abutment, the crown, sedation, or post-operative reviews — all essential components of complete treatment. Always request an itemised quote that lists every clinical step and laboratory fee.

The true cost of doing nothing — and of going overseas

Some patients delay implant treatment due to cost, choosing to leave the gap. This is a clinically costly decision: bone resorption begins within weeks of tooth loss and accelerates over months and years, potentially turning a straightforward implant case into one that requires bone grafting — adding \$1,500–\$5,000+ to the eventual treatment cost.

Others consider dental tourism. Going overseas for dental work carries real risks: language differences, differing healthcare standards, and the practical difficulty of managing complications from a distance. While overseas options may appear cheaper upfront, Melbourne's dental industry follows strict regulatory requirements to ensure safe and long-lasting results.

Despite the higher upfront cost, implants often last decades, making them more cost-effective over time than dentures or bridges that may need replacing. When evaluated over a 10–15 year period, the total cost of ownership for a dental implant — including maintenance — frequently compares favourably to repeated replacement of dentures or bridges (see our guide on [*Dental Implants vs. Dentures vs. Bridges: Which Tooth Replacement Option Is Right for You?*](#) for a full cost-of-ownership comparison).

Insurance, Medicare, and payment plans

Medicare

Medicare does not cover dental implants — this applies to single implants, All-on-4, and bone grafting procedures. There are no Medicare item numbers for implant fixtures.

Private health insurance

Dental implant treatment is classified as major dental work. Some Australian health insurers will cover part of the procedure, though policies may specify how many implants you can claim in a given period — for example, one implant every six months. Patients with major dental extras cover should request an itemised treatment plan from Core Dental Group and present it to their insurer for a pre-treatment estimate of benefits.

For a comprehensive guide to maximising rebates and understanding superannuation early-release options, see our dedicated cluster: [*Does Private Health Insurance Cover Dental Implants in Australia? Navigating Rebates & Super Access*](#).

Interest-free payment plans at Core Dental Group

Core Dental Group offers interest-free payment plan options across all seven Melbourne locations, enabling patients to start treatment without paying the full cost upfront. These plans are designed to make implant treatment accessible without compromising on clinical quality or implant brand selection. During your initial consultation, the Core Dental Group team will provide a fully itemised treatment quote and walk you through the payment options available for your specific plan.

Key takeaways

- A single dental implant in Melbourne costs \$5,000–\$7,500 in a straightforward case, comprising consultation/imaging, extraction, implant fixture, abutment, and Australian-made crown. The ADA 2024 Fees Survey records the national range as \$2,603–\$7,305 for the implant component alone, before all associated items are added.
- All-on-4 per-arch pricing in Australia ranges from approximately \$19,990 to \$35,000, with most Melbourne patients in the \$23,000–\$30,000 range per arch. Full-mouth (both

arches) restoration ranges from \$38,000–\$70,000. - Bone grafting adds \$500–\$5,000+ and sinus lifts add \$1,500–\$5,000+ to the total cost when required. A complete single implant case requiring both can reach \$11,500. All-on-4 typically eliminates the need for sinus lifts because of its posterior implant angulation. - Quote variation comes down to six factors: clinician qualifications, implant brand, prosthesis material, diagnostic technology, clinic location, and what's actually included in the quoted price. Always request a fully itemised quote. - Medicare does not cover dental implants. Private health major dental cover may apply partially. Core Dental Group offers interest-free payment plans across all seven locations to make treatment financially accessible.

Conclusion

Dental implant pricing in Melbourne isn't arbitrary — it reflects the genuine complexity of a multi-stage surgical and prosthetic treatment, the quality of the components used, and the expertise of the clinical team performing it. The wide range of figures you'll encounter online makes sense once you understand that no two patient cases are identical and that quotes can include or exclude critical components.

At Core Dental Group, transparent pricing starts at the consultation stage. Every patient receives a fully itemised treatment plan — broken down by procedure and component — before any commitment is made. With specialist-led surgical teams, CBCT 3D imaging, Australian-made crowns, and interest-free payment plans available across South Melbourne, Berwick, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Epping, Southbank, and Wyndham, Core Dental Group is positioned to deliver implant treatment that represents genuine long-term value, not just a low headline price.

To continue your research, explore the related guides in this series: - *Am I a Candidate for Dental Implants? Key Eligibility Factors & Disqualifying Conditions* - *Does Private Health Insurance Cover Dental Implants in Australia? Navigating Rebates & Super Access* - *Dental Implants vs. Dentures vs. Bridges: Which Tooth Replacement Option Is Right for You?* - *All-on-4 vs. All-on-6 vs. Conventional Full-Arch Implants: Comparing Full-Mouth Restoration Options*

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Label Facts Summary

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General product claims

- Implants often last decades, making them more cost-effective over time compared to dentures or bridges - Delaying implant treatment increases costs because bone resorption begins within weeks of tooth loss - All-on-4 typically eliminates the need for sinus lifts due to posterior implant angulation engaging denser available bone - Two-bridge All-on-4 solutions are more durable than one-bridge solutions - Zirconia crowns offer superior durability, aesthetics, and wear resistance compared to acrylic - Clinics using 3D imaging and guided surgery provide more precision and improve long-term success - Dental tourism presents risks including difficulty managing complications and differing healthcare standards - Melbourne's dental industry follows strict regulatory requirements ensuring safe

and long-lasting implants - Core Dental Group's implant brand selection is guided by clinical evidence and long-term outcomes - Core Dental Group provides fully itemised treatment plans before any patient commitment is made - When evaluated over 10–15 years, implant total cost of ownership frequently compares favourably to repeated replacement of dentures or bridges - Choosing the cheapest provisional prosthesis option for All-on-4 carries risk of long-term implant issues and additional future costs