

Dublin native Michelle Smyth travelled to Kreativ Dental Clinic, Budapest and couldn't be happier with the results

Michelle Smyth hadn't been happy with her teeth for years. It got to a stage where she didn't feel comfortable smiling, or speaking with people. Speaking daily with clients, is a highly important part of Michelle's job. So she decided to visit her dentist to see what could be done.

"I had wanted to get my teeth fixed for a long time so I went to my Dublin-based dentist who told me that my crowns needed to be changed and my bite fixed," Michelle says. "He also told me the treatment would cost a staggering €28,000. I nearly fell out of the chair!

"I didn't have that kind of money to spend on dental care so I sought the advice of another Dublin-based dentist only to be quoted the same figure."

Feeling disillusioned Michelle gave up on her desire to get her teeth fixed. That was when, she heard an advertisement on the radio featuring Kreativ Dental Clinic in Budapest. Michelle could instantly hear the smile in Mary's voice and she really liked what she heard on the advertisement. She felt re-assured an Irish person living in Ireland, who had been through the experience, was the person for her to make contact with and also a person, who would be on hand at all times, even on returning as there is aftercare dentists in Ireland.

"I called Mary Flanagan - the Irish representative immediately. Mary talked me through everything - where I was at present, how everything works, the qualifications and experience of the dental specialists and what I would find when I got there. Very importantly Mary advised me about the Kreativ dental clinic written Guarantee, which subsequently, when speaking with other European patients at the clinic, I realised it is the most extensive dental guarantee to be found in Europe.

Kreativ Dental Clinic is The Founder of Dental Tourism and has been treating Irish patients for the past 17 years.

"The great thing about Mary is that she is very aware of us Irish people, many of us with huge fears of the dentist, also many, listening to alleged horror stories about travelling abroad. Mary totally understands this, having been through these fears herself.

Mary listens to our expectations and concerns, which is so reassuring. Mary worked so well on my behalf, to organise the treatment around my job. I found that end of things extremely helpful.

"In fact all that was left for me to do was get on a plane."

Michele admits to feeling apprehensive before she arrived in Budapest.

"Questions such as am I doing the right thing and will this work for me circled in my mind but as soon as I was sitting in the dentist's chair that all disappeared.

"The dentist gave me a full assessment and told me that I needed a root canal, one tooth to be extracted, 28 crowns and a bridge to be fitted and my bite to be corrected. **But most importantly, the procedures would cost a third of the cost I was quoted at home.** The quality of the crowns I received were a higher grade crown to what I was offered here. Kreativ Dental Clinic have their own state-of-the-art laboratory, so I could watch the precision work it took in making my Full Zirconium Crowns. Having a laboratory technician and a ceramist on-site is a huge advantage. I could discuss colour, shape etc. of my crowns and everything was listened and adhered to. This was an amazing part of the journey for me. I have to admit I have seen other people who have received crowns, both in Ireland and abroad and they looked like 'doggy dentures'. I wanted Mary Flanagan's beautiful teeth and that's exactly what I got.

According to Michelle having the dentist talk with you and explain, what he was going to do every step of the way really put her at ease.

"He was really professional and made sure I understood everything that was happening. Crucially, he was really nice and made the whole process easier, in fact a very pleasant experience"

The clinic employs a range of dental specialists including 2 Oral Surgeons and a Maxillofacial surgeon and offers a suite of treatments including dental implants, porcelain crowns and bridges, dentures, periodontal surgery, root canal treatment, gnathological treatment and tooth whitening.

Kreativ Dental Clinic will only allow an Oral Surgeon place dental implants, they will not allow a dental specialist, as they are not as highly qualified.

So how does Michelle feel about her teeth now that the procedures have been completed?

"I look completely different. Everyone is amazed at how well they look. If you didn't know me before I got them done you really would think they were my own. They look so natural."

While Michelle says her new pearly whites took some time to get used to, they have really improved her confidence, no more fear of

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speaking and I can eat all foods, without thinking about it.

"I smile all the time now and I no longer dislike getting my photograph taken," she says. "My oral hygiene is also a lot better. I really do look after my teeth now. I'm delighted I got it done and would recommend it to anyone considering dental work." Try not to put it on the long finger, as it costs more - the longer we leave it, the worse it gets and hence more expensive. Also a major plus you can claim tax back equivalent to receiving similar work in Ireland.

According to Mary, seeing people like Michelle gain their confidence back, gives Mary a huge sense of job satisfaction, bringing many people from where they thought they had no hope, in obtaining proper dental treatment to seeing those Big Smiles, when their work is completed.

"It's such a rewarding experience. People may be nervous going over; however, afterwards they have a whole new level of belief in themselves. And they can't stop smiling! It is lovely receiving calls, texts and mails, telling me how happy people are and many saying to me, why did I not do this 10 years ago??"

"I was in that position before so I know how it feels, I feel it for all our patients"

At 25, Mary began having problems with her teeth. This was due to an incorrect bite (occlusion) which was later diagnosed and rectified by Kreativ Dental Clinic.

Over the space of 15 years she

"I no longer cover my mouth when I'm talking to people. I've certainly got my confidence back"

had many root canal treatments, crowns fitted which later fell out, followed by eight teeth extracted due to failure of root canals, and needless to say she still didn't have the smile she had dreamed of. Mary says "she had a mouth that looked like a block of Swiss cheese"

"It really affected my confidence," she says. "I used to speak to people with my hand covering my mouth. I was really embarrassed by my teeth, or lack thereof. It also affected my ability to eat proper food. If I was at a restaurant I would have to order soft food. It wasn't very enjoyable or healthy."

At 35, Mary was told by one Irish dentist that her only option was dentures. Another told her he could do the work but it would cost up to €60,000. It was at this point that a friend's uncle, who happened to be a retired Irish dentist, recommended she visit the experts at Kreativ Dental in Budapest. He had met them at various conferences throughout his career in dentistry,



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and immediately, he knew how advanced they are.

Mary ended up having eight implants and 26 porcelain crowns fitted at the much lower price tag of €12,000 plus €400 for her flights.

"It was absolutely brilliant. My new smile finally gave me my confidence back and I can eat food I couldn't eat before. That's why I'm passionate about the clinic."

If you'd like to finally get the teeth you've always dreamed of why not log onto kreativdentalclinic.eu or call Mary on (01) 8055526 or 086 0299998

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