



**Rotary**



The Rotary Club of Thimphu will facilitate in linking with our partners for the extra stay and travel in Bhutan after the conference. The following are the general costs and conditions based on twin sharing rooms in a 3 star hotels. If participants choose to upgrade RinziOm at the following email : [rinzim2015@gmail.com](mailto:rinzim2015@gmail.com); Phone no. +97517601802 for package details.

Costs and conditions in the packages:

**Quote:**

For 1 pax: USD 350 per person for single traveler (there is extra supplement charges when traveling as single person)

For 2 pax: USD 300 per person for two pax or more

**The cost will include:**

the Sustainable Development Fee to the Government  
Accommodation in 3\* hotels on twin sharing basis. Single room supplement will be USD 45 per room per night  
all meals  
private transport  
English speaking guide  
entry fees for sightseeing  
bottled drinking water

**The cost will not include:**

- the visa fee
- -travel insurance
- drinks and beverages
- laundry service
- phone calls
- tips and gratuities

## **Bhutan Travel Itinerary for Two night/three days package**

### **A. Two Nights/ Three days package**

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**Visit the Dechenphodrang monastic school located to the north of the city.** It became a monastic school in 1971 and currently has over 400 student monks enrolled in eight-year courses. The monastery contains a number of important historical Bhutanese artifacts including the 12<sup>th</sup> century paintings monitored by UNESCO and a noted statue of ShabdrungNgawangNamgyal.

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## **Overnight: Hotel in Paro**

## **Day3: Departure**

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## **B. Three Nights/fourdays package**

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**Overnight: Hotel in Thimphu Day 2: Day excursion to Punakha**

**Drive from Thimphu.** The drive takes about 3 hours

**Enroute stop at the Dochula Pass.** On a clear day, you will get awe-inspiring glimpses of the towering Himalayan peaks around.

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