

Bateshwar Fair Agra India

The ancient temple complex at Bateshwar consists of more than a hundred temples built along the banks of the river Yamuna, dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. Bateshwar has long been celebrated for its annual fair. Although the origins of this historic fair are religious and of immense significance in the Hindu calendar, the fair is also of great commercial importance and is renowned as the 2nd largest animal fair in the country. A large number of horses, camel and cattle are traded over 10 days of hectic activity. A relative lull of about a week is followed by the great multitudes that descend upon Bateshwar for a week long religious fair, with its mandatory shops, fairground rides and carnival atmosphere.

Bateshwar provides a rare and authentic glimpse into the heart of rural India.



2010

2nd Nov – 11th Nov – Animal Fair
16th – 20th Nov – Religious Fair

2011

24th Oct – 2nd Nov – Animal Fair
7th – 11 Nov – Religious Fair

2012

11th Nov – 19th Nov – Animal Fair
25th – 29th Nov – Religious Fair

GETTING THERE:

Bateshwar lies 41 miles SE of Agra, a comfortable 1 hours drive from the Taj Mahal.

EXPLORING BATESHWAR:

The tour of Bateshwar begins at the Kunj on the banks of river Yamuna. Your guide will start by showing you the stunning Birdseye views of the temples, ghats and countryside from the rooftop of the Kunj, followed by a private boat ride along the ghats and a walk through the fair grounds.

STAY IN BATESHWAR:

Guests may stay at the Chambal Safari Lodge – an oasis of calm, tranquillity and gracious hospitality, nestling in 35 acres of reclaimed woodland. A mere 10 minutes drive from Bateshwar.

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