

BATESHWAR FAIR – 2016

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(Best days to visit Religious Fair : 10th Nov-17th Nov 2016)



Bateshwar, an ancient temple complex and an important spiritual and cultural centre for Hindus, is located at a distance of 70 Kms from the city of Taj , Agra. The place is named after the presiding deity of the region BATESHWAR MAHADEV (another name of Lord Shiva). The temple complex consists of more than 100 temples dedicated to lord Shiva. The temples are all lined along the crescent shaped curve of the river-front and several have ghats (steps) leading down to the water. Said to be the birthplace of Lord Krishna's mother, Bateshwar is associated with numerous myths and legends. Several ancient scriptures refer to it as Surajpur in honour of its founder Raja Surajsen, Lord Krishna's



grandfather.



Bateshwar is an important part of the Hindu pilgrimage circuit and is referred to as the 'son of the Dhams' – it must be visited once after all four Dhams considered sacred by Hindus (Badrinath in the North, Rameshwaram in the South, Dwarka in the West and Jagannath Puri in the east) have been visited.

Bateshwar is also the birthplace of the 22nd Jain Tirthankar Nemichand and is an important pilgrimage site for both the sects of Jain devotees, Digambar and Shwetambar. Several beautiful and intricately carved Jain

temples add to the glory of Bateshwar dedicated to the Tirthankar here and at Shoripur ,3 km away from this place.

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BATESHWAR CATTLE / ANIMAL FAIR

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Every year a large cattle fair is held at Bateshwar (the exact dates depends on the lunar calendar and vary each year). The best days to visit the fair this year are 25th Oct to 3rd Nov 2016. It coincides with the most auspicious period for praying at Bateshwar and is an important fixture for saints, sadhus, tradesmen and villagers alike. The fair attracts large numbers of Camels, Horses, oxen, elephants, goats, and other cattle, as well as a multitude of tradesmen selling everything from traditional cooking utensils and spices to locally made furniture, handicrafts and cosmetics. The fair provides a colorful, vibrant and entirely authentic

glimpse of rural Indian life. Bateshwar fair is one of the largest fairs in Northern India. It stands similar in style and magnitude as compared to the Pushkar Fair in Rajasthan. This fair usually starts few days prior to DEEPAWALI (a festival of lights) for a period of almost three weeks. The first week has the animal fair starting with cattle followed by the camels and horses and ending with the donkeys and goats. And in the last week the village fair starts with a multitude of shops and fair ground rides and other attractions as well as special ceremonies in the temples

HOW TO REACH :- Come to Agra and drive approximately 2 hours (70 Kms) on Agra to Bah Road and take a turn to left from Farera Tri Crossing drive another 07 Kms and you reach to Bateshwar.

ACCOMMODATION :-

- Rahi Tourist Complex (Budget Class), Bateshwar (A unit of UPSTDC). Ph: **0562-2850120, 2851720**
- A Private heritage property named as Chambal Safari Lodge is available for luxurious accommodation, for details visit www.chambalsafari.com or contact at **0091-9997066002** (just 10 Kms away from Bateshwar)
- A number of budget, medium and high class luxurious hotels are available in Agra.



NEAREST EXCURSION: - Chambal Sanctuary (just 10 Kms from Bateshwar) an opportunity to explore the natural, cultural and historical heritage of the Chambal Valley. More than 600 Sq kilometers stretch of the river was designated as the National Chambal Sanctuary and given protected areas status. The sanctuary currently boasts of 242 species of resident and migratory bird species, Marsh crocodiles (muggers), gharial (gavials), eight species of turtles, and Gangetic dolphins.

Now you have again an opportunity to turn your coming winters into memorable holidays to experience the ancient land full of rich heritage, spiritualism, history, culture, legends, ravines, wildlife and much more!

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