

Gaza Envelope Tour

📍 Sderot, Israel



Bear witness to the events of October 7th, 2023 on the **Gaza Envelope tour**, a respectful memorial journey through the communities that experienced the attack and the resilience that followed. This is not a sightseeing tour. It is a day of remembrance, education, and tribute, designed for visitors who want to understand the events with depth and dignity. The Gaza Envelope tour visits six core memorial sites: the Sderot Police Station, the Givat Kobi lookout over the Gaza border, Kibbutz Alumim, the Nova Music Festival Memorial, the Moshav Tkuma car graveyard, and Road 232. Your licensed guide will share personal stories from local residents and first responders along the way.

Unlike commercial sightseeing, this Gaza Envelope tour partners with local communities and bereavement organizations to ensure that every site visit is conducted with permission, sensitivity, and accuracy. The Gaza Envelope tour guide is specially trained in trauma-informed touring and works closely with residents whose lives were affected. Group sizes are kept small to maintain the dignity of each site.

The Gaza Envelope tour begins at Hostages Square in Tel Aviv, where ribbons, photographs, and weekly gatherings continue to call for the return of those still held. From there, the route travels south through the agricultural communities of the region. You will stand at the Sderot Police Station where first responders confronted the attack, look across the Gaza border from Givat Kobi, hear survivors at Kibbutz Alumim share their stories over lunch, walk among the silent installations at the Nova Festival site, see the cars assembled at Moshav Tkuma, and travel Road 232 where so many lost their lives that morning.

The Gaza Envelope tour operates Tuesday and Thursday from Tel Aviv at 07:15 and from Jerusalem at 08:30. Jerusalem guests are transferred to Tel Aviv to meet the group. The tour runs in English with a licensed guide and lasts approximately ten hours. A valid passport or government-issued photo ID is required. Modest attire is recommended out of respect for the memorial sites and their families. The tour is suitable for ages 16 and above; please contact us before booking if you are travelling with younger guests. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
16

Duration:
10

Language:
English

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

07:15 AM : Pickup from Tel Aviv

Your Gaza Envelope tour begins at hotel pickup in Tel Aviv at 07:15 AM. Our air-conditioned mini-bus collects you from your hotel lobby. Jerusalem guests are picked up at 08:30 AM and transferred to Tel Aviv to join the group. Please be ready 15 minutes before your scheduled pickup with valid identification. The driver carries a Booking-Tours sign for identification. We travel together to Hostages Square before continuing south to the Gaza Envelope.

Duration
0.75 Hour

08:00 AM : Hostages Square, Tel Aviv

Brief stop at [Hostages Square](#) in central Tel Aviv. Outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, this plaza has become Israel's primary public memorial since October 7th. Yellow ribbons, photographs of those still held, and an installation of a 100-foot Shabbat dinner table occupy the square. Weekly gatherings call for the return of the hostages. The square also features on our [Tel Aviv Walking Tour](#) for visitors interested in the urban memorial context.

Duration
0.5 Hour

09:45 AM : Sderot Police Station

The Gaza Envelope tour continues to the [Sderot Police Station](#), the site where local police confronted Hamas attackers during the October 7th events. The station building, partly preserved and partly rebuilt, stands as a memorial to the first responders who fought there. Your guide describes the events of that morning and the role Sderot played as a frontline community. The city of [Sderot](#) has experienced rocket fire for two decades; the police station memorial is one chapter of a longer story.

Duration
1 Hour

11:00 AM : Givat Kobi (Koby Lookout)

Drive to Givat Kobi, a hilltop lookout with sweeping views toward the Gaza border. Your guide provides geopolitical context, identifying the visible communities, kibbutzim, and agricultural fields that make up the Gaza Envelope. The lookout is named in memory of Koby Mandell, a fallen victim. This stop offers space for personal reflection on the geography of the region and the proximity of civilian life to the Gaza Strip. The Israeli government provides [official information on the region](#).

Duration
0.75 Hour

12:00 PM : Kibbutz Alumim - Lunch and Testimony

The Gaza Envelope tour pauses at [Kibbutz Alumim](#), an agricultural community attacked on October 7th. Have lunch at a local establishment (not included in the tour price; budget approximately \$15-20 per person) and hear directly from a community resident about the events of that morning and the kibbutz's recovery. The kibbutz members have chosen to share their story with international visitors as a form of testimony. The Israeli Ministry of Tourism provides [visitor information for the region](#).

Duration
1.5 Hour

02:00 PM : Nova Music Festival Memorial

Pay your respects at the [Nova Music Festival Memorial Site](#) near Re'im, where 364 festival-goers were killed and 40 taken hostage on the morning of October 7th. The site is now a permanent memorial with photographs, personal items, and a flag installation for each victim. Visitors are asked to walk in silence. Photography is permitted in most areas but please follow your guide's instructions regarding restricted zones near family-tended installations.

Duration
1 Hour

03:30 PM : Moshav Tkuma Car Graveyard

The Gaza Envelope tour reaches [Moshav Tkuma](#), where vehicles damaged during the attack have been collected and preserved as a memorial installation. The car graveyard contains hundreds of vehicles from the Nova Festival, the surrounding kibbutzim, and Road 232. The site is open to visitors and is maintained by local authorities. Your guide explains the significance of preserving these vehicles as

physical witness to the day's events. The installation is referenced in the broader [October 7th historical record](#).

Duration
0.75 Hour

04:30 PM : Road 232 - The Blood Road

Drive a section of [Road 232](#), known after October 7th as the Blood Road, where hundreds of civilians and soldiers were killed by Hamas attackers along the highway and at adjacent bus stops. Memorial markers and personal photographs line sections of the road. Your guide pauses at the most significant markers, sharing the stories of those who fell and the rescue efforts that followed. This is the final stop of the day; please allow space for reflection.

Duration
0.75 Hour

05:30 PM : Return to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem

Return route follows Highway 4 north back to Tel Aviv (expected arrival 19:00) and onward to Jerusalem (arrival 20:30). Your guide will drop you at your original pickup hotel. For visitors processing the day's content, the [Yad Vashem](#) Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem offers context on Israeli memorial culture, and our [other day tours](#) include lighter Tel Aviv and Galilee options for the following days.

Duration
2 Hours