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Life on the beaches of Tel Aviv and Gaza City - in pictures

The beaches in Tel Aviv and Gaza City, just 70km (40 miles) apart, are different worlds on opposite sides of a century-old conflict, but on long summer days Israelis and Palestinians enjoy some of the same delights. Photographs by Oded Balilty in Tel Aviv and Khalil Hamra in Gaza City by Associated Press

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Palestinians ride horses on the beach of Gaza City, and Israelis play with their pets on a dog-friendly beach

Palestinians cover a boy with sand on the beach of Gaza City, and Israelis do the same in Tel Aviv
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Palestinian women walk to the water's edge on the beach of Gaza City, and two Israeli women take a selfie on the beach in Tel Aviv
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Three Palestinian men pose for a photograph on the beach of Gaza City, and three Israelis do the same on the beach in Tel Aviv Three Palestinian men pose for a photograph on the beach of Gaza City, and three Israelis do the same on the beach in Tel Aviv Natalia Shishova poses at the beach in Tel Aviv, and Ruba Shabit poses for a portrait on the beach of Gaza City Natalia Shishova poses at the beach in Tel Aviv, and Ruba Shabit poses for a portrait on the beach of Gaza City

Children play on the beaches of Gaza City and Tel Aviv

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A Palestinian man wears a necklace with a map of Palestine on the beach of Gaza City, and an Israeli beach worker wears a necklace with the Star of David on the beachfront in Tel Aviv

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Palestinians play cards on the beach of Gaza City, and Israelis play chess on Tel Aviv's beach

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Palestinian children play in the water as the sun sets over the beach of Gaza City, and Israelis do the same at sunset in Tel Aviv

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