Memorials traditionally take the form of monuments to create a highly visible marker of an event or tragedy. The MH17 Memorial in Amsterdam seeks to create not just a reminder of the tragic loss of lives that occurred, but also a forum for dialogue, a space for reflection, and a sublime public landscape that honors the lives lost.

Architecturally, the memorial creates a duality between remembrance (the monument) and reflection (the forum) through the creation of two pockets of space. Oriented along the trajectory of the flight path, the first pocket starts from the water to inland. The second pocket supports a new landscape and infrastructural network. The corridor of memory provides both a transitional space for remembrance and dialogue, and a pathway for remembrance.

Rather than being a passive object, the MH17 Memorial in Amsterdam is an active participant in the remembrance of the event. The memorial engages the urban context yet also provides a place for dialogue, becoming a powerful symbol in the city. It is both a memorial and an active forum that encourages discussions with the world.