

Sunset Park, Tampa

A neighborhood guide from someone who grew up here

I grew up in Sunset Park Isles, near the streets everyone calls the Fingers. It's a quiet, tucked-away neighborhood on Old Tampa Bay, with poet-named streets, Plant High zoning, and only a few ways in and out.

It also doesn't have a restaurant row or a shopping strip. That's part of the appeal. Here's what's closest, and where I'd send you.

Where we eat, just outside the neighborhood

None of these are technically in Sunset Park. They're the closest, and the ones I'd actually go to.

<u>BluWave Sushi</u>	3339 S West Shore Blvd Small sushi spot. It's BYOB, so bring your own sake or wine.
<u>District South Kitchen & Craft</u>	3301 S Dale Mabry Hwy Neighborhood bar and restaurant, with brunch on weekends.
<u>Luigi's Kitchen</u>	3671 S Westshore Blvd Italian. Formerly Pasquale's, so you may still see the old name.
<u>Bel Mar Saloon</u>	3501 S Manhattan Ave Neighborhood sports bar. Wings, Cuban egg rolls, and smash burgers.
<u>Salt Shack on the Bay</u>	5415 W Tyson Ave Open-air and right on the water, with sunset views. You can boat up.

Shopping and errands

Two malls and a neighborhood shopping center, all minutes away.

<u>International Plaza & Bay Street</u>	The higher-end mall, with restaurants and entertainment.
<u>WestShore Plaza</u>	The other mall, with the department stores.
<u>Henderson Boulevard shopping</u>	Everyday errands, including Target, Sprouts, and The Fresh Market.
<u>Hyde Park Village</u>	Outdoor shopping and dining, a short drive away.

Schools

Sunset Park is in the Plant High School district, which matters more than most people expect.

<u>Mabry Elementary</u>	Elementary school for the neighborhood.
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<u>Coleman Middle School</u>	Middle school for the neighborhood.
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<u>Plant High School</u>	The reason many buyers start their search here.
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Zoning can vary by address. Always confirm your specific home with [Hillsborough County Public Schools](#).

Parks, pools, and playgrounds

Where the kids end up on a Saturday.

<u>Friendship Park</u>	4124 W Bay to Bay Blvd Shady neighborhood park with big trees.
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<u>Interbay Pool</u>	4321 W Estrella St (813) 282-2910 City of Tampa pool. Needs a Rec Card or a daily fee. Check the city site for the current schedule.
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<u>Coleman track</u>	Coleman Middle School Next to the pool. Public access is limited during school hours, so check with the school first.
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<u>Tampa Bay Little League</u>	Where most kids in the neighborhood play ball.
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Getting around

Sunset Park sits between the bridges, the airport, and the hospitals.

<u>Gandy Bridge</u>	To St. Petersburg and Pinellas.
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<u>Howard Frankland Bridge</u>	The other way across the bay. Many Pinellas commuters live here for this reason.
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<u>Tampa International Airport</u>	Close enough that early flights aren't a big deal.
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<u>Tampa General Hospital</u>	On Davis Islands.
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<u>St. Joseph's Hospital</u>	Part of BayCare.
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<u>HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital</u>	2901 W Swann Ave Full-service hospital in South Tampa.
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Thinking about buying or selling in Sunset Park?

I've walked these streets my whole life. If you're curious what a specific street is worth, or what it's really like to live on it, call me.

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