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Top 5 hipster neighbourhoods in Singapore

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Heads up, hipsters! If you're into vintage fashion, artisanal coffee and gourmet food, you've come to the right place. Check out this handy [Skyscanner](#) guide to the trendiest neighbourhoods in Singapore.

1. Tiong Bahru

Once a sleepy residential area, Tiong Bahru is now a staple of hip culture – all without losing its quaint charm. This neighbourhood is teeming with specialty coffee shops, so don't forget to drop by **Forty Hands** or **Flock Cafe** for a delicious cup of joe. Avid readers should make a beeline for **Books Actually**, an indie bookstore that stocks obscure literary gems. After a lazy afternoon of exploring, treat yourself to a cupcake from **Plain Vanilla Bakery**. Whether you pick dark chocolate ganache or red velvet, you can't possibly go wrong. And if you decide that you want to linger in this lovely neighbourhood, you can always check into the delightfully cosy [Nostalgia Hotel](#).

Forty Hands

Where: 78 Yong Siak Street, #01-12**Opening Hours:** 7:30am – 5:30pm daily

Flock Cafe

Where: 78 Moh Guan Terrace, #01-25**Opening Hours:** 8am – 6pm daily

Books Actually

Where: 9 Yong Siak Street**Opening Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday, 10am – 8pm. Sunday - Monday, 10am – 6pm.

Plain Vanilla Bakery

Where: 1D Yong Siak Street**Opening Hours:** Monday - Saturday, 8am – 7pm. Sunday, 9am – 6pm.



Explore quirky bookshops in Tiong Bahru. Photo credit: [Books Actually](#)

2. Keong Saik

Buzzing with trendy eateries and swanky cocktail bars, Keong Saik is the latest Singapore hotspot. This former red light district has ditched its seedy past, blossoming into the ultimate nightlife destination. Tuck into gourmet tapas at the wildly popular **Esquina** or enjoy rustic French fare at **Taratata Bistrot**. If you're in the mood for a bar crawl, the options are endless! Start your night at **The Library**, a cosy speakeasy with creative cocktails; then make your way to **Potato Head** for a tittle in their lush rooftop bar. Keong Saik is also an ideal base for exploring Singapore and boasts many charming boutique hotels, such as the **Naumi Liora**, which is located in a heritage townhouse.

Esquina

Where: 16 Jiak Chuan Road

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10:30pm. Saturday, 6pm – 10:30pm.

Taratata Bistrot

Where: 35A Keong Saik Road

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 11:30am – 12am. Saturday, 5:30pm – 12am. Sunday, 11:30am – 10:30pm.

The Library/The Study

Where: 49 Keong Saik Road

Opening Hours: 6pm – 1:30am (Mon-Sat)

Potato Head

Where: 36 Keong Saik Road

Opening Hours: 5pm – 12am daily



Dive into Keong Saik's buzzing nightlife. Photo credit: [Jnzl's Public Domain Photos / Flickr](#)

3. Jalan Besar

This historical neighbourhood is quickly turning into the new hipster kid on the block, thanks to its artsy vibe and thriving culinary scene. There's plenty to do (and eat) here, but make sure to stop by **Butter Studio** for their Salted Caramel Red Velvet cupcakes. Caffeine addicts will find their mecca at **Chye Seng Huat Hardware**: this uber hip coffee joint has its very own roastery and private tasting room. Crafty folks should head next door to **Tyrwhitt General Company**, which offers a wide range of artisanal goods and hands-on workshops. For some real eye candy, pop into **Hotel Vagabond**: the opulent red-and-gold lobby is an Art Deco feast.

[Butter Studio](#)

Where: 147 Jalan Besar

Opening Hours: Sunday - Thursday, 12pm – 10pm. Friday - Saturday, 12pm – 12am.

[Chye Seng Huat Hardware](#)

Where: 150 Tyrwhitt Road

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am – 7pm. Saturday - Sunday, 9am – 10pm.

[Tyrwhitt General Company](#)

Where: 150A Tyrwhitt Road

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 12pm – 5pm. Friday - Sunday, 12pm – 7pm.



Jalan Besar is a hotspot for coffee junkies. Photo credit: [Chye Seng Huat Hardware](#)

4. Haji Lane

This vibrant, shophouse-lined street has long been at the heart of Singapore's hipster scene and it's still going strong. Haji Lane features a truly impressive number of trendy shops, bars and cafés for such a small area. Head over to **Bar Stories** if you fancy a bespoke cocktail, or chill out at **Going Om**, a quirky café that offers yoga classes and live music. Haji Lane is also a fashionista's dream, with dozens of independent boutiques vying for your attention. Check out **Dulcet Fig** for a treasure trove of vintage fashion. For a touch of Old World glamour, plan a stay at **The Sultan**, an impeccably elegant hotel that pays fond tribute to Singapore's past.

Bar Stories

Where: 55-57 Haji Lane

Opening Hours: Sunday - Thursday, 4pm – 1am. Friday - Saturday, 4pm – 2am.

Going Om

Where: 63 Haji Lane

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 5:30pm – 1am. Friday, 5:30pm – 3am. Saturday, 3:30pm – 3am. Sunday, 3:30pm – 1am.

Dulcet Fig

Where: 41 Haji Lane

Opening Hours: Monday - Thursday, 12pm – 9pm. Friday - Saturday, 12pm – 10pm. Sunday, 12pm – 8pm.



Haji Lane is the mecca of hipster life in Singapore. Photo credit: [Blu Jaz Cafe](#)

5. Everton Park

Hunting for the next trendy neighbourhood? Up-and-coming Everton Park just might fit the bill. A growing cluster of coffee shops, bakeries and indie boutiques has sprung up in one of Singapore's oldest HDB estates – and it's just the beginning. Everton is a dessert lover's paradise: look out for **Grin Affair**- which serves cakes in glass jars- or make a pitstop at **Seriously Ice Cream** to sample bold, intriguing flavours. Channel your inner hipster at the uber artsy **New Majestic Hotel**, which boasts individually designed rooms. This peaceful enclave is still under the radar, so go now before the crowds rush in.

Grin Affair

Where: Blk 3 Everton Park, #01-77 (From 1st July onwards, new address: Blk 2 Everton Park, #01-59)

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12pm – 8pm. Public Holidays, 1:30pm – 6pm.

Seriously Ice Cream

Where: Blk 4 Everton Park, #01-44

Opening Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 12:30pm – 9pm. Friday, 12:30pm – 11pm. Saturday, 1pm – 11pm. Sunday, 1pm – 9pm.



Get your dessert on at Everton Park. Photo credit: [Seriously Ice Cream](#)

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