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St Vin's cottage Adelaide

Why we love it: This Torrenstitled city cottage is not something you come across every day. From the outside, St Vin's Cottage looks like a charming abode but the moment you step inside, you are transported to Greece.

Stark white interiors are punctuated by black timber beams and quintessential



stone floors. A unique built-in

combustion stove in one of the

The arched entryways, the

sunken nooks in the wall and

the interiors give the place a

Mediterranean feel. With a

Tatooine-like (where Luke

Skywalker lived in Star Wars) interior downstairs, there's a

contemporary upstairs master

lounge next to a slow

talking point.

living areas is definitely a

New life for classic estate

The Adelaidean home Kensington Gardens

Why we love it: When you think of classic South Australian architecture, or you are new to the state, it's the elegant symmetry of a bluestone character villa circa 1880s that stand out and you start to covet. Such as this one on a 1096sq m block. It's a beauty and in leafy Kensington Park, it's right on the money.

Its extensive 2007 renovation epitomises luxury, grandeur and no expense spared – four bedrooms, several living zones, a cellar and three-car garage, plus the sparkling pool and manicured gardens.

This sold recently for an undisclosed amount, and if we win the Lotto any time soon, this is the type of place we'd be looking to buy.





Everything you want, from the cellar to the home theatre





Solid concrete, shaped by hand is a standout Mexican feature





Renovated church is a little slice of heaven

The Park residence Hazelwood Park

Why we love it: This lavish Hazelwood Park home was designed to merge with the suburb's parkland setting and natural habitat, and won Alan Sheppard Constructions the 2021 HIA South Australian Home of the Year. Architecturally modern and challenging to build, in this \$3.5m home with an 805sq m footprint, the homeowners want for nothing. Laze by the sparkling pool, under the alfresco complete with teppanyaki grill, visit the wine room, home theatre with bar, the gym or relax on the cantilevered mezzanine.



The Mexican Casa Torrens Park

Why we love it: This Mexican-themed grand villa was originally built in 1951 with sandstone quarried locally at Mitcham and in the Adelaide Hills. It underwent 16 years of renovation to make it a one-ofa-kind Mexican casa (home). The seven-bedroom home is spread over three levels and features beautifully landscaped gravel gardens featuring towering mature cactuses and ponytail palms.

Solid monolithic concrete

walls and seats, a distinct



feature of Mexican design, are present throughout the home and garden, and have been shaped by hand to create a soft and flowing form.

Livin' on a prayer Cross Rd, Highgate

Why we love it:

Deconsecrated in 1989, this stunningly converted church home sits on a 1070sq m allotment and offers a flexible floorplan and a glamorous contemporary lifestyle while preserving the home's original "churchy" features.

They include vaulted ceilings, archways, stainedglass windows, an internal mezzanine and timber floorboards.

Bless, we think it's one of the nicest conversions we've

seen. For a building that would have hosted plenty of weddings in the past, the marriage of old and new present in this renovation may be its finest to date.







Southern star

Why we love it: OK, so we don't have too much to tell you about this place, other than if you've ever taken a drive down south and happened to go past Sellicks Beach you've probably pointed it out to your friend and said something like: "Wow! Have a look at that

place! That looks incredible! What is it? I wonder who owns it?" Well, that is this place - a lavish home/castle built and owned by Adelaide's Shahin family and, with a facade like that, we couldn't not include it on our list. Set gently into the coastal landscape, privacy is assured, and hopefully one day we get invited to see what's on the inside.

Sellicks Beach castle has become

a drive-by mystery home









Award-winning touches make this an eco-friendly zone





Heritage retained in gorgeous style adds to grand city image





1890s cottage is preserved and extended into a dream home

The Millswood Project Millswood

Why we love it: Natural stone, a steep-pitch roofline and a simple white interior palette in this new-build project by Klemm Homes created a stunning modern take on farmhouse architecture.

But underlying its spectacular looks - the kitchen is awesome, so are the windows - is a highly energy efficient home using Hebel wall cladding, the correct aspect, hydronic heating, solar power, double glazing, and it



even regulates its carbon footprint.

The home won the 2022 Master Builders Environmental and Sustainable Construction (residential award) and also the 2021 HIA GreenSmart Sustainable Home award.

Craigweil 163 East Tce, Adelaide

Why we love it: When most people think of the city their mind might conjure up images of Victoria Square, the iconic tram, or Rundle Mall's pigs or famous Malls Balls.

But when our Real Estate and At Home teams think of the city we think of the many incredible grand homes within the CBD. Homes like this one the gorgeously crafted Craigweil at 163 East Tce. This place was originally

built around 1886 by Alexander Hay and designed



by Thomas Hyland Smeaton. It has since been given a breathtaking renovation and is a stunning piece of SA history.

Pear Tree House Prospect

Why we love it: Glasshouse Projects were tasked with preserving the original 1890s sandstone cottage of a couple who like to entertain - and extending it with the brief of an "oasis at home".

The owners were rewarded

with contrast, layers and a fusion of indoors-outdoors on their relatively small footprint.

The intersecting swimming pool is dreamy and the level of detail is insightful.

The project won a 2022 Master Builders Excellence Awards, Best Extension/ Addition over \$1m. **Pictures: Aaron Citti**



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