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Circular towers add the grand design touch

Chateau Avalon Aldgate

Why we love it: Nestled in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, Chateau Avalon is not just another grand mansion. Designed and built by a German engineer, the majestic property comprises six main interconnected circular towers on more than a hectare of landscaped grounds.

The five-bedroom, six-bathroom house last sold for \$3.05m and features a statement double helix spiral staircase and timber balustrades that appear to float from the ground floor up to levels one and two. The property was built using local Carey Gully sandstone. An elevated walkway leading over a specially planted fern garden, tower rooftop terraces, circular rooms and presidential-style offices are other standout features.



MODERN MODERNIST



24 *Dark and light are used with purpose and attitude*

Skye residence Skye

Why we love it: Modern interpretations of mid-century modernist style can be uber cool and this one oozes attitude and purposefulness.

There's dark and light tones, with elemental details like the tactile breeze blocks and sleek stone, while hints of pale blue and curves in the kitchen show the heart of the home. The renovation of this 1990s home by David Burton and Sophia Leopardi, of Williams Burton Leopardi, received a commendation at the 2021



AIA/SA Awards for Residential Architecture (Alterations and Additions).
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HILLS

23 *Stirling sanctuary has family living down to a fine art*

Home is where the art is Stirling



Why we love it: Not only has it been a much-loved family home, but also a soothing sanctuary where former owner Rachel Healy could escape the

hustle and bustle of working life. The former Adelaide Festival artistic director and her partner, composer Alan John bought the home in 2015, attracted by its leafy location.

The home sits on a 2043sq m allotment and has up to five bedrooms – or four and a home gym – numerous formal and informal living areas, a lower level rumpus room, an under-house storage area and an in-ground pool surrounded by a paved alfresco area.





COASTAL LUXURY

22 Sparkling views add allure to this three-level stunner

Water ripper Somerton Park

Why we love it: Coastal prestige used to be all about Henley Beach and Tennyson, but in the past decade Somerton Park has emerged as a must-have address. So it's easy to see why this waterfront stunner at 29 The Esplanade caused such a stir when it hit the market last year. Set on a 623sq m allotment, the home has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, eight parking spaces and offers 562sq m of luxe living space over its three levels. Oh, and as



if the beach across the road wasn't enough, it's got a sparkling pool and spa. It sold last November for \$5.99m.

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RURAL RETREAT

20 Entertain or escape the crowds at this picture-perfect haven

Hillside escape Willunga

Why we love it: Set on more than 43ha of land, this acreage property offers picture-perfect views as far as the eye can see. Not surprisingly, it caught the attention of not just locals, but overseas buyers as well, selling for \$2.46m.

Architecturally designed, it's an ideal residence for those who love to entertain ... or want to escape the crowds. Triple stacked glass sliding doors open on to a large outdoor deck area with panoramic views on offer. Cathedral ceilings and the light, white interior are other highlights of the home.



RENOVATION

19 Summer pool parties are back in business in this clever renovation

Pool's gold Millswood

Why we love it: Mullet houses - that whole business at the front and party at the rear aesthetic - are hugely popular in SA and this one is possibly as fine an example as you could hope to find. Set in the prized suburb of Millswood, no expense has been spared in transforming this character stunner into the ultimate luxury family resort. With a rear entertaining area to cater for large gatherings, this has summer pool parties written all over it.



Ghost stories

QUIRKY

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The haunted pub North Adelaide

Why we love it: Not many homes come with active ghosts and a reputation as a bordello in a previous life, but this one does. This former North Adelaide pub was gutted and completely restored into a unique and stunning residential home a few years ago, and now boasts a stealthy dark interior and more than a few confronting collector pieces. Clad in copper, the front bar is operational and there's a huge billiards table and a ski lift chair among its features. The former restaurant was turned into the classic car-collecting homeowner's garage while a coffin sits in the corner of the lounge. And yes, it's a real one.

