

## Stanley Mews Cottage

## Adelaide



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**W**e went to Adelaide for a birthday weekend. The birthday person in question (me) has a long history of liking an enormous fuss to be made on the great day, and the

Stanley Mews website was slightly problematic: it's hard to find pictures and details that correspond to the cottage itself, as opposed to others in the North Adelaide Heritage Group. This gave rise to a fear in some people (me) that it would not live up to birthday-weekend expectations.

In the flesh, however, Stanley Mews Cottage didn't disappoint. Part of a row of tiny terraces built as a philanthropic

gesture for worthy widows at the end of the 19th century, Stanley is the last in the row, a little sandstone building joined to its neighbour on one side. There were two bedrooms to choose from, good heating and not too much chintz. Though it sleeps four, it's a perfect size for two, without any draughty sense of empty rooms or too much space. The kitchen was basic but well equipped, and – a lovely touch – a single brilliant red camellia had been left by the cleaners in a vase on the bench.

Nearby are beautiful parks and plenty of cafes, and excellent wine in the local wine shop. This fantastic convenience allowed us to be both lazy and wildly productive: we made it to several restaurants, the state museum, the movies, and out to the Adelaide Hills wine district. We even caught the complimentary bus at one point, which went off course in order to deliver us to the very door of our eatery. A happy birthday indeed. Long live Adelaide. **Amanda Hooton**



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**Cost:** \$245 a night for two people; additional charges for extra guests.  
**Distance:** 2km from Adelaide's CBD.

**Accommodation:** self-contained cottage with two bedrooms (one with

a queen bed, one with a double).

**Features:** well-equipped kitchen, tea- and coffee-making facilities, CD/DVD player, airconditioning, direct-dial telephone and internet access, ironing and laundry facilities, courtyard, complimentary parking. Room service delivery

possible from local cafes; breakfast provisions supplied on request.

**Nearby:** restaurants, galleries, shops, museums, churches, parks; Adelaide Oval, Adelaide Zoo.

**Children:** yes; cots supplied on request.

**Wheelchair access:** no.