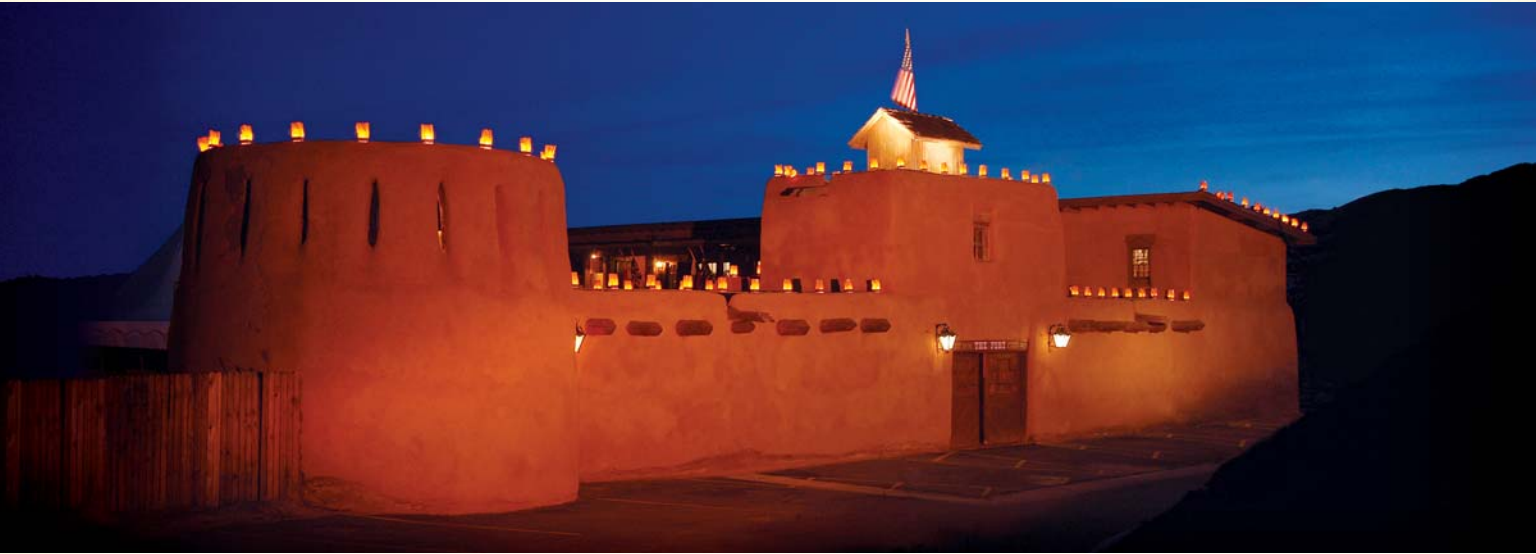


*The Fort*  
PRIVATE DINING



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FINE FOOD & DRINK SINCE 1963

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*The Fort was built in 1962 from 80,000 adobe bricks.*

**I**n 1962, my father Sam'l Arnold began the construction of his "castle" overlooking downtown Denver — a full-sized adobe replica of an 1830's fur trade fort named Bent's Fort. As a food historian and connoisseur, Sam'l decided to open a restaurant in his Fort and began serving indigenous food of the Early West in 1963. Sharing my father's passion for culinary excellence, adventure and history, I joined him in May 2000 as a business partner of The Fort, formerly my home as a little girl.

Over the past 40 years, The Fort has gained national recognition for our Rocky Mountain cuisine, serving the very finest game meats and more prime cuts of buffalo than any other restaurant in the world. In 1997, The Fort hosted the official Summit of the Eight dinner for world leaders including President Clinton, Tony Blair, Boris Yeltsin, Helmut Kohl and Hashimoto. Mikhail Gorbachev visited The Fort on a separate occasion and he raved about our tender and juicy buffalo steaks. Julia Child loved The Fort's buffalo marrow bones and game meats. We taught Julia how to tomahawk the champagne which she did on NBC's Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Celebrities, Coloradoans and out-of-towners select The Fort to host their special events, corporate parties, meetings and one-of-a-kind celebrations. Create a truly memorable experience for your guests, infused with the spirit of the early west. From historical tours and art to Native American flute serenades, The Fort creates memories that last a lifetime. Plan your rendezvous at The Fort and we will extend a hearty welcome to you and your guests, and provide "Shinin' Times" for all!

HOLLY ARNOLD KINNEY

Co-Proprietor, The Fort



*Owner & founder  
Sam'l P. Arnold with  
daughter & co-owner  
Holly Arnold-Kinney*

## HOST YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE FORT

Specializing in breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner and cocktail receptions, The Fort offers a variety of menu options with various price ranges. Groups of all sizes and all age groups enjoy coming to The Fort for an authentic 19th century experience. Dining at The Fort is more than a hearty meal...it is a step into the early west!



*Tenderloin Filet served with roasted potatoes and vegetables, as served at The Fort Restaurant.*



*Diners enjoying Native American flute music*

### CORPORATE PARTIES

The Ultimate Corporate Gathering — Annual Meetings, Sales Presentations, Christmas parties and more. Book your corporate event at The Fort to turn any meeting, dinner or party into a landmark affair. For a true western experience, schedule some of The Fort's early west musicians, include tours of the historic building, present a historic show or invite historic characters to interact with your guests.

### WEDDINGS

Ceremonies, Receptions and Rehearsal Dinners. The Fort provides a beautiful and unique setting for wedding celebrations. From ceremonies to rehearsal dinners, introduce your out-of-town guests to the early west side of Colorado. Offering a scenic view of downtown Denver, events may be hosted inside the restaurant, on the patio overlooking downtown or in the outdoor courtyard. Consult The Fort's private dining manager to discuss and plan your special day.



*Sam'l Arnold placing Coyote headdress on guest of honor Julia Child.*

### PERSONALIZE YOUR DINNER AT THE FORT

with live entertainment, a historical tour or a dramatic arrival. Contact the private dining manager for availability and pricing.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE MUSICIAN

Native American flute is both spiritual and storytelling. A performance will take listeners on a journey through nature and heritage.

#### MARIACHI BAND

Southwestern-influenced mariachi musicians create a festive or romantic ambiance indicative of the Mexican influences on the Southwest

#### FLAMENCO GUITARIST

The intricacies of flamenco guitar sweep you away with the sounds of Spain, adding a sophisticated or romantic touch to your dinner.

#### BLUEGRASS & FOLK

Energetic and fun, folk music livens up the party and adds a skip to everyone's step. From guitarists, fiddlers and hammered dulcimer musicians, choose from a variety of folk or bluegrass groups.

#### HISTORIC SHOWS

One example, "The Mountain Man & Missus," is an entertaining look at how the Mountain Man survived in the untamed West and how the Missus properly dressed! Choose from several historic presentations sponsored by The Tesoro Foundation.

#### HELICOPTER ARRIVAL & ESCAPE

Transport your special guest of honor in style! With a landing pad in the valley next to the restaurant, fly your CEO, bride & groom or birthday honoree to The Fort.

#### CANNON FIRE

Begin or end your event with a bang as a cannoneer, dressed in an 1800's era military costume, fires the historic cannon

#### FLAMENCO DANCERS

Begin or end your evening with a foot-stomping, skirts-flying flamenco dance performance

#### COWBOY SHOW

Good old cowboy music and demonstrations! Learn how the cowboys used the bull whip, shot the black powder revolver & performed trick roping.

*"The atmosphere was warm and cozy and the carolers were such a nice touch. The food was delicious...we give you an A!"*  
— Front Range Excavating, Inc.

*"The food was good, serving staff great and comments from our group were 'one of the best Christmas parties we've attended!' Thank you for making my job easy!"*  
— W.R. Grace & Co.

*"Best Fireside dining" -Citysearch*

*"The food was absolutely delicious and the service was fantastic. We couldn't have wished for a better wedding. You guys made that possible for us." — Joe Shurk*



*President Clinton hosting the Summit of the Eight, 1997*

## TESORO FOUNDATION

A Colorado 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Tesoro Foundation's mission (Tesoro means "treasure" in Spanish) is to create community based events and educational outreach programs designed to teach and celebrate our Southwestern cultural history. As The Fort is a re-creation of the 1830s-40s Bent's Old Fort, The Tesoro Foundation celebrates the Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African American and Early European cultures who lived or traded at Bent's Fort. The Foundation organizes several programs that would interest your guests:



*Holly Arnold Kinney gives a historic tour of The Fort to local students.*

### HISTORICAL TOURS OF THE FORT

Plan a historical tour anytime from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Sunday. The tour is led by a costumed interpreter and focuses on the history of the original Bent's Old Fort, the fur trade, and on The Fort's forty-year history. Your guests will learn about the history of Colorado's Native Americans, Hispanics, and early pioneers, and how they lived, worked and played together. Highlights of the tour include an 1840s cannon, pillory, horno oven, artwork, and an authentic Native American tipi, complete with buffalo robe (summer only). You may also offer a "trunk show" featuring hands-on fur trade items and historical clothing replicas. Plan your tour and/or trunk show before an early dinner, or offer the tour on its own.

### TRADE LODGE

Support the Tesoro Foundation by shopping at the Tesoro Trade Lodge, located in The Fort's courtyard. Discover authentic Native American and Hispanic jewelry and art from many Tesoro-endorsed artisans, educational books, cookbooks, buckskin clothing, diaries, reproductions of the fur trade period (1820s—1840s) children's books, toys, music and much more!



*Diana Lucero demonstrates the art of pottery making at the Indian Market.*



*Dancers compete in a traditional Powwow dance at the Indian Market and Powwow.*

### EVENTS

Tesoro organizes two major public events each year. Artists and dancers gather at The Fort every year in mid-May for Colorado's most authentic Indian Market and Powwow. Each September, The Foundation organizes the annual Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous.

**INDIAN MARKET AND POWWOW** was selected by the American Bus Association as one of the top 100 events for group travel in North America in 2005. Held over the second or third weekend in May, the event takes place at The Fort from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Over 35 of the top Native American artists from around North America are invited to the juried art show to demonstrate and sell their work. An educational forum teaches the public about the migration of Native American tribes into Colorado in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. Numerous tribes participate in traditional dance competitions both days.

**SPANISH MARKET AND 1830'S RENDEZVOUS**, held each year on the last weekend of September, features the top 24 Spanish Colonial artists, an exhibit of rare sacred Spanish art from the Regis University Collection, music and performances of Hispanic culture. Historical interpreters camp at The Fort as they did in the 1830s. A Mountain Man skill competition and a taffy pull for kids are just a few of the many fun events.

Plan your excursions around these special Tesoro events! For more information on the Tesoro Foundation, visit [www.tesorofoundation.org](http://www.tesorofoundation.org) or call 303-839-1671.

*Native American in ceremonial dress.*



## GETTING TO THE FORT

The Fort is located in Southwest Denver Territory, just 22 minutes from downtown Denver and less than 30 minutes from most metro area locations.

### TRANSPORTATION TO THE FORT

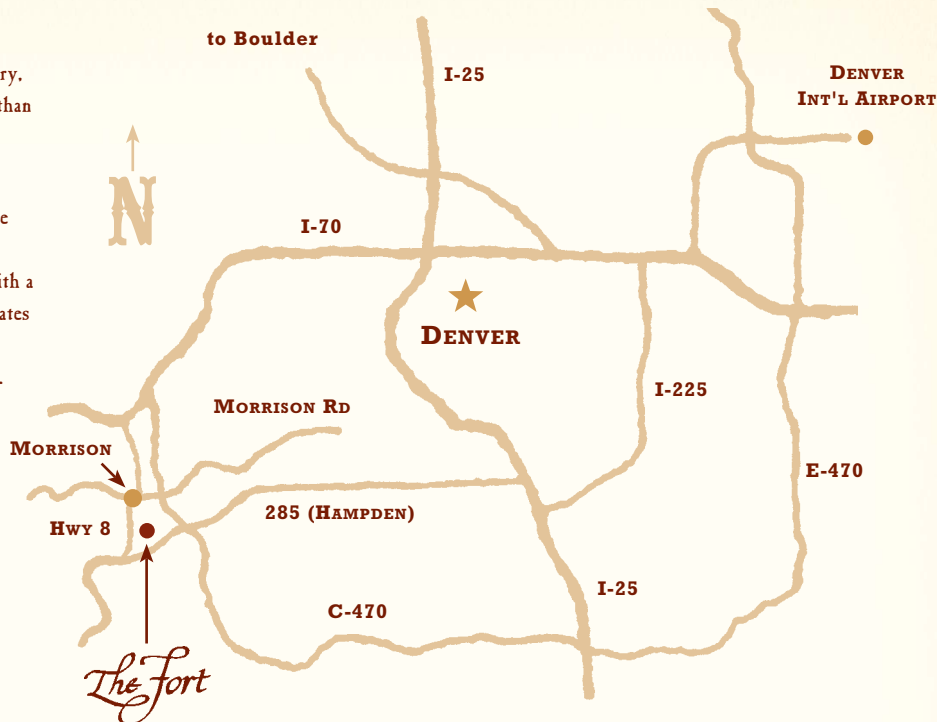
Discounted transportation to The Fort is available through our transportation partners. Schedule transportation for your guests, providing them with a fun and scenic drive. Group transportation eliminates concerns about drinking and driving as well as navigation. Reservations must be made in advance.

### SUPERSHUTTLE

Choose from a Lincoln Town Car,  
SUV or Shuttle Van  
720-488-9191

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Choose from a Shuttle Van or  
Motor Coach  
303-289-2222



Located near Red Rocks in the foothills, The Fort is surrounded by unique Colorado destinations. Let The Fort assist you in booking guided tours or provide you with information about these interesting area attractions.

**Red Rocks Amphitheatre**

**Dinosaur Ridge**

**Hiking & Biking Trails**

**Ancient Indian Ruins**

**Antique Shopping**

**Jefferson County Symphony**

**Mother Cabrini Shrine**

**Buffalo Bill Museum**

**Mount Falcon Park**

**Coors Brewery Tours**

**Buffalo Herd Overlook**

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