

HISTORY

The charming adobe <u>Table Mountain Inn</u>, known for its Southwestern décor and warm hospitality, has undergone numerous changes in ownership, style and dimension since it first opened in 1925. The hotel was originally built as the Hotel Berrimoor (by entrepreneur Robert Berry) to be a modern "up-to-the-minute" luxury hotel that would be the pride of Golden, Colorado. At the time, the hotel offered thirty-two rooms and a coffee shop. The Berrimoor only lasted a few years before the Great Depression began, but the building was only dark for a few years when entrepreneur and hotelier Edgar P. Sparks purchased the property and brought it back to life under the name "The Cody Hotel." Mr. Sparks chose the name to honor Colonel William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, whose grave and memorial notoriously reside at Golden's own Lookout Mountain. Unfortunately, the times could not support The Cody Hotel either, and the property once again closed. It had numerous ownership, name and style changes over the next six years.

In 1948 civic leader, businessman and former Golden Mayor Lu Holland revived the property and renamed it "Holland House." Mr. Holland's first order of business was a renovation during which he created two banquet spaces. These spaces would come to host some of Golden's finest social functions and have been immortalized in Hal Shelton's "The Birth of Golden in 1958" mural.

In 1963, as the automobile industry burgeoned, the Holland House re-invented itself as Golden's First Motor Inn. For the next twenty-four years the Holland House was synonymous with Golden, becoming popular throughout the Denver metro area not only as a great place to stay, but also for the food served at the Holland House Coffee Shop. Mr. Holland retired in the early 1980s, and the Holland House closed its doors for good in 1987. Golden was now without its only real hotel.

In 1991, a group of successful restaurateurs were sitting across the street looking out at the former Holland House building, when they decided to "make a go of it." Fifty-six years after the building had opened as Hotel Barrimoor, Bart Bortels and Frank Day would give the landmark building the greatest overhaul Golden had seen, creating Table Mountain Inn. The exterior was stuccoed, the rooms gutted and completely rebuilt, and the lobby and restaurant recreated with Table Mountain Inn's now iconic Southwestern décor. For the next seven years, the hotel would experience great success with its thirty-two rooms, lounge and restaurant. In 1999, Table Mountain Inn built an addition to the building that added forty-two rooms, guest parking and additional indoor/outdoor event space. Today, Table Mountain Inn is *the* place to stay and dine in Golden, Colorado.

From its Spanish Style to its Western hospitality, Table Mountain Inn has come full circle from its origins to become an extraordinary hotel where nothing has been overlooked for the convenience and comfort of the traveler. It is truly a hotel to make Golden proud.

For further information on Table Mountain Inn, please visit <u>https://www.tablemountaininn.com/</u>.

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