

THE CITADEL AT PINNACLE PEAK

Showing The West At It's Best



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The magnificent Citadel complex, set on four acres is characterized by uniquely shaped and circular grouped buildings, and colored a soft dusty sage. It is precisely what the intersection of Pima Road and Pinnacle Peak Road has been waiting for, in fact, the entire Valley will benefit with the addition of this innovative structure.

The original and authentic concept of the Citadel belongs to Citadel's Development Corporation's entrepreneur, Karlyn E. Keyes, and her parents, for whom she is developing the property. The Pinnacle Peak residents were motivated by their desire to bring the comfortable Southwest flavor and charm, combined with the sophistication and enchantment indicative of this area. As Karlyn has emphasized, "This project is as much a work of art as a business venture."

The Citadel was designed to be explored and enjoyed. As you meander through the arched entryways, openings onto courtyards, you are captivated by a small and colorful brook. It is significant to note that the entire complex has been landscaped in a natural set-

ting, preserving all the original shrubs and foliage.

The Citadel was created with the idea of one-stop shopping, an area where people can come and spend the entire day. With 13 different retail shops, plus services as a dry cleaners, florist, full service hair salon, travel agency and the American National Bank, it is feasible that the Citadel could serve as your ultimate destination.

And what better way to enjoy breakfast than seated in the Citadel Marketplace and Bakery, next to a charming beehive fireplace or browse through the marvelous Grand Cru Wine and Spirit Shop. You can wander along footpaths, taking you to the first-story boutiques and second story suites, housing spectacular balconies and a total of 16 fireplaces.

The heart of the Citadel is the 8700 Restaurant. The ceilings rise a sensational 37 feet from the floor, and interior designer, Nancy Kitchell has captured a stunning look, combining elegance with a soft, more subdued approach. As Karlyn expresses, "We wanted the people, the food and the artwork to be the focal points."

The cuisine of the 8700 Restaurant is Southwestern regional cooking with the main emphasis on locally flavored dishes, fresh meats and locally grown fowl, vegetables and herbs.

The Marque Bar (pronounced Mark) will accommodate the most elegant tastes or the most casual rancher. Barstools or rusty-toned wrought iron with cowskin are nestled near an incredible bar covered with a special slate imported from China. The most exceptional and romantic fireplace is surrounded by brands, many from the families and friends connected with the Citadel.

The Citadel is in itself, a unique and creative work of art, inspired by the majestic setting, and developed with the idea of balancing and serving the needs of the community as well as the many visitors who grace our Valley every year.

With all the sources of good fortune that Karlyn has called upon to assist her with the completion of the Citadel, we can be assured that her project that was such a joy can only hold for her, great success.