

HISTORY OF THE GRAND HOTEL WIEN

- 1862 The Viennese Hotelier Anton Schneider acquires the premises where the Grand Hotel is located today.
- 1866-1870 A maison meublée (furnished house) is built, according to the plans of the renowned architect Carl Tietz, which is turned into a hotel after completion.
- 1870 The Grand Hotel is opened on May 10th 1870, being the first Hotel on the Viennese Ringstrasse. The hotel offers 300 rooms, 200 bathrooms, steam elevators and a telegraph office.
- The "Erste Wiener Hotel Aktien Gesellschaft" (the first Viennese joint stock company) is established. The share-holders of this company are the owners of the Grand Hotel. The first general meeting is held on June 1st 1870 in the ballroom of the Grand Hotel.
- 1894 Johann Strauss Son (The king of waltz) celebrates his 50-year jubilee on stage in the Grand Hotel.
- 1911 The Grand Hotel reaches its largest expansion. Two of the neighboring houses, Kaerntner Ring 11 and 13 are acquired. After extensive renovations the buildings are joined together. Thereafter, the hotel is able to offer 100 additional rooms and several elegant salons. All rooms are now equipped with a telephone.
- 1945-55 During 10 years, the Russian Troops live in the Grand Hotel.
- 1957 After minor renovations, the Grand Hotel is re-opened by Director Walter Scheel.
- 1958 The Grand Hotel is sold to the Austrian government, who offers the building to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It becomes their headquarters for over 20 years.
- 1979 The IAEA leaves the Grand Hotel and moves into the new Vienna International Centre overlooking the Danube.
- 1989 ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS buys the building.

- 1990 The hotel is reduced to its original size before the renovation begins. The beautiful, traditional facade is restored, while the interior of the building is newly constructed. The emphasis is put on tradition with state-of-the art technology.
- 1994 After a 100 EUR million renovation, the ANA Grand Hotel Wien is officially inaugurated on June 15th under the protection of honor of the former major from Vienna Mr. Helmut Zilk.
- 1999 The Grand Hotel celebrates its 130 birthday on May 30th with 600 guests in the big ballroom.
- 2002 On August 1st 2002, the international hotel company JJW Hotels & Resorts buys the Grand Hotel Wien.
- The Grand Hotel Wien becomes a "The Leading Hotels of the World".
- 2004 The Grand Hotel Wien celebrates its 10th anniversary.
- 2012 Since November 2012, Horst Mayer becomes the general manager of the Grand Hotel Wien.
- 2013 The Grand Hotel Wien opens a new spa area, the Grand Spa N°605, on 200 square meters.
- 2014 The Grand Hotel Wien opens its own cooking school "Le Grand Chef" at the exclusive shopping mall "Ringstrassen Galleries".
- 2015 Grand Hotel Wien celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Ringstrasse with an especially amazing open day event on May 1st.
- 2016 Roland Huber, chef de cuisine of "Le Ciel by Toni Mörwald" is awarded with a Michelin star.
- Grand Hotel Wien opens its fifth outlet. "Yalla – fresh & spicy" located on the ground floor of the exclusive shopping mall "Ringstrassen Galleries" offers authentic Arabic cuisine.
- 2020 The Grand Hotel Wien will celebrate its 150th birthday.