History of the Grand Hotel Wien

1862 The Viennese Hotelier Anton Schneider acquires the premises where the Grand Hotel is located today

1866-70 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 130th 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.

2004  The Grand Hotel Wien celebrates its 10th anniversary.


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.

2020  The Grand Hotel Wien celebrates its 150th birthday.

2021  Oliver Geyer takes over as the General Manager of the Grand Hotel Wein.

2021  Grand Hotel Wien and JJW sign a partnership deal with InterContinental Hotel Group.

2021  Voted Austria’s Best MICE hotel.

2022  Grand Hotel Wien named Austria’s best MICE hotel.

2022  Presidential Suite named Austria’s leading hotel suite.

2023  Wagemut Kavalierbar opens at Grand Hotel Wien.