

GRAND HOTEL SIGNIFICANT DATES

- 1887 Built in the post-Civil War's Gilded Age, Grand Hotel opens on July 10, 1887. The gracious Hotel serves as a summer retreat for vacationers who arrive by lake steamer from Chicago, Montreal and Detroit and by rail from across the continent. Rates are \$3 to \$5 a night.
- 1897 Grand Hotel builds the West Wing.
- 1919 William Stewart Woodfill joins Grand Hotel as a desk clerk. Hotel rates are \$6 per day, per person.
- 1933 Woodfill purchases Hotel as sole owner.
- 1946 *This Time for Keeps* starring Jimmy Durante and Esther Williams is filmed on the Island and at Grand Hotel.
- 1951 R.D. (Dan) Musser II joins Hotel staff.
- 1960 Woodfill appoints Dan Musser as President.
- 1976 Mussers begin redesign of interior and exterior with architect Richard Bos and decorator Carleton Varney.
- 1979 Mussers purchase Grand Hotel.
- 1980 *Somewhere in Time*, filmed at Grand Hotel, starring Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer, is released.
- 1987 Cupola Bar is added. Woodfill Conference Center is completed and The Jewel golf course is renovated.
- 1989 R.D. (Dan) Musser III is named President of the Hotel.
- 1989 East Wing is added to the Hotel.
- 1989 U.S. Department of Interior designates Grand Hotel as a National Historic Landmark.

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- 1994 The new Woods nine opens, combining with the original Grand nine to make The Jewel an eighteen-hole golf course.
- 1995 Astor's Hair Salon and Rebecca's are added.
- 1996 Margaret's Garden and The Audubon Wine Bar open.
- 1997 Oil Paintings by Marlee, featuring original oil paintings by local artist Marlee Brown, is added to the variety of shops at Grand Hotel.
- 1998 Five new Named Rooms in honor of former First Ladies, Lady Bird Johnson, Betty Ford, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, and Barbara Bush are added to the West End of the Hotel. Two new two-bedroom suites, the Grand and the Carleton Varney, are also added to the west end.
- 1999 Grand Hotel & Co., Fine Jewelry is added to the variety of shops. Thirteen guest rooms are added to the West Wing of the Hotel, bringing the total to 343.
- 2000 A new golf pro shop is added. The Vanderbilt Suite is added. Three electric boilers are added making water heating more efficient and environmentally friendly. Construction began on the Millennium Wing, a 300 seat addition to the Main Dining Room and 42 new guest rooms. This is the largest addition since the original construction of the hotel. The Millennium Wing will be completed in time for the 2001 season.
- 2001 The Millennium Wing opens on the east end of the hotel featuring 42 new guest rooms, The Grand Pavilion - a 3,600 square-foot private meeting room and dining room, restrooms for the dining room, and new guest and service elevators.
- 2002 The Jacqueline Kennedy Suite is added to the variety of Named Rooms.
- 2003 The Masco Cottage, a four-bedroom cottage attached to the east end of the hotel is added. The deck area at the pool is expanded and a new large hot tub is added.
- 2004 The Grand Club at Grand Hotel is founded. The Grand Club is a vacation membership program allowing guests to prepay future stays at Grand Hotel at a discount.
- 2005 The Millennium Wing opens on March 1, the earliest Grand Hotel has been open in its 118-year history. The Jane Seymour Suite was created featuring furniture and linens from her Grand Hotel – Mackinac Island Collection, a line of home goods she created for Saks, Inc.

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- 2006 The Gate House, a casual bar/restaurant just a short walk down Grand Hill is added to Grand Hotel's offsite dining options. The 5,000,000th overnight guest in Grand Hotel history checks in on Monday, June 26.
- 2007 Air-conditioning is added to 170 guest rooms making Grand Hotel entirely air-conditioned. Grand Hotel celebrates its 120th birthday.
- 2008 For the first time in Grand Hotel history, regular selective dinner was served on the Front Porch during the summer season.
- 2009 Grand Hotel is certified as a Green Lodging Michigan Leader by the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. The commitment to reducing Grand Hotel's carbon footprint is an ongoing process that began in 2007 when a state-of-the-art air-conditioning system was installed that uses water for cooling guest rooms and is then used to heat the Esther Williams Swimming Pool. As part of our green initiative, we have established our "Green Team" that has members constantly looking for new and creative ways to benefit our planet.

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