

## EDEN PALACE AU LAC\*\*\*\* SUP HISTORY

1894 The first mention of the hotel dates back to 1894. Before this date no records can be found in the archives.

1896 Official opening of the hotel in October 1896. The first publicity appeared as follows:  
**HOTEL INTERNATIONAL** close to Kursall Montreux Lakeside.

Reopening September 10th 1897

Hotel completely new, recently opened, First class establishment comfortably fully furnished. View spreads over the Lake & Alps, Lift, Electric lighting.

Board, Good Food & Service. Moderate Prices. Family Defago who also own the Hotel de la Croix Federale ( Champéry. Valais )

1899 Montreux establishment is bought by a consortium of business personalities from the Lausanne area. ( F. Hummel, Manager )

1904 At the turn of the century the late "HOTEL INTERNATIONAL EDEN"

1914 The First World War puts a stop to the expansion of tourism in Montreux. The clientele of such Grand Hotels are ruined and the generation that created Montreux disappears. Through lack of money the building soon deteriorates. Montreux and other parts of Switzerland see such establishments turn into convalescent homes. Fortunately the Hotel Eden does not succumb to this extreme.

1920 Montreux The Crazy Years 1920 – 1939. During the difficult years, Mr. Emile Ebehard – Falleger ( 1877 – 1963 ) takes charge of this property and becomes General Manager of "GRAND HOTEL EDEN". He was associated with the hotel since 1910.

1937 The death of architect Louis Villard in June 1937. Amongst his architectures were the ( Hotels Suisse, The Excelsior, Villa Toscane & Eden )

1940 The Second World War drastically destroys Tourism and the hotel succumbs to the worst time during its history.

1956 June 1st 1956 sees the end of the reign of Mr. Ebehard and the sale of the hotel to Mr. Tissot from the Grand Hotel in Vevey.  
During the years that follow, the establishment is progressively modernized. In the early sixties there is a project to destroy the Hotel Eden and be replaced by an establishment ultra modern comprising of a 15 floor Tower.

1974 After the first petrol shock in 1974 The Hotel Eden escapes demolition. From 1974 – 1995 a new start for the Hotel Eden thanks to the expertise of Carlo De Mercurio during a period of 10 years. At the start of the 1980's the group CDM presided by Carlo de Mercurio acquire the establishment and it becomes " The Eden Palace au Lac "

## LIVRE D'OR

1975 Charles Aznavour stays at the hotel during the month of October.

---

1976 August 5th celebrity pianist Sammy Price king of the blues, holds a concert in the < Salon Belle Epoque >

The great pianist Sir Charles Thompson is invited to play at the Montreux Jazz Festival and stays at the Eden.

Veronique Sanson, Charles Mingues & Dizzy Gillespie stay at the Eden in October 1976.

---

1977 The federal council of Switzerland (Mr. Chevellaz, Cevey, Gnaegi & Fugler ) attend a meeting in the Salon of the Hotel Eden.

---

1979 During February the group Eruption stay at the Eden

---

1983 Pop Star Christine Mc Vie stays at the Eden on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

---

1990 In the month of May Roger Moore stays at the Eden au Lac.

---

1996 Florent Pagny stays at the Eden au Lac from July 17th – 19th.

---

1998 Umberto Tozzi stays at the Eden au Lac on the 13th of June.

---