

BIOGRAPHY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FÉLIX OF LUXEMBOURG

HRH Prince Félix Léopold Marie Guillaume of Luxembourg was born at the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* in Luxembourg on June 3rd 1984. He is the second child of Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess. He is the brother of Prince Guillaume, Hereditary Grand Duke, (1981), Prince Louis (1986), Princess Alexandra (1991) and Prince Sébastien (1992).

Prince Félix is named after his great-grandfather, Félix de Bourbon-Parme, and is second in line to the throne. The Prince is Knight in the Order of the *Lion d'Or* of Nassau.

His Royal Highness Prince Felix got engaged to Mademoiselle Claire Lademacher on December 13th 2012. The wedding was celebrated in Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume on September 21st 2013. Since then Claire Lademacher holds the title of HRH Princess Claire of Luxembourg, Princess of Nassau.

Prince Félix and Princess Claire are parents to a girl and a boy.

On June 15th 2014 their daughter, Princess Amalia Gabriela Maria Teresa, was born at the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* in Luxembourg. On November 28th 2016, their son Prince Liam Henri Hartmut was born at the *Clinique Générale Beaulieu* in Geneva.

EDUCATION

After his primary school education in Lorentzweiler, Prince Félix went on to study at the *École Privée Notre-Dame (Sainte-Sophie) de Luxembourg*, then at the *American School of Luxembourg*. In 1998, he attended the Swiss boarding school *Collège Alpin International Beau Soleil* in Villars-sur-Ollon. In 2003, he obtained his secondary school qualification with distinction and went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom, but had to leave prematurely for medical reasons.

The Prince then worked as a trainee in various private companies in order to broaden his professional experience.

In 2005, he joined the Marketing and Public Relations Department of a reputable Swiss company which specialises in organising sports and cultural events.

As he is interested in scientific and philosophical principles and, more specifically, ethical notions in the field of biotechnologies, he decided, in 2009, to round off his education in Rome, continuing with studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Bioethics.

In addition to Luxembourgish, he is fluent in French, English, German and Italian. He has also studied Spanish.

Since October 2013, the Prince manages, together with his wife, Princess Claire, the vineyard Château les Crostes in Lorgues, southern France.

OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

Prince Félix takes part in activities of the Grand Ducal Family on a regular basis. Whenever his schedule allows it, he attends official activities or ceremonies such as Luxembourg's National Holiday or the traditional Octave.

PATRONAGE/HONORARY PRESIDENCY

Prince Félix has held the High Patronage of the parachute club *Cercle Para Luxembourg, Fédération aéronautique luxembourgeoise* (FAL) (Luxembourg Aeronautical Federation) since 2003. He is a keen basketball fan and has held the High Patronage of the *Fédération luxembourgeoise de Basketball* (FLBB) (Luxembourg Basketball Federation) since 2005.

Together with his wife, he supports the foundation *Le Sourire de Lucie*, which advocates for research of rare diseases, the Sjögren-Larsson-syndrome in particular.

Since 2016, Prince Félix has been chair of the *Lorgues Terre de Vins* association, a group of winegrowers of Lorgues promoting their municipality as a region of interest in the Provence.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Prince Félix was elected "best athlete" of his school for five consecutive years . He plays tennis, golf and polo on a regular basis, and HRH is very interested in athletics, parachuting, kitesurfing and water skiing. He has been a snow sports enthusiast since he was a child and he is very proficient in acrobatic skiing, classical slalom, giant slalom and snowboarding.

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