

## CURRICULUM VITAE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE HENRI OF LUXEMBOURG

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His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, the eldest son of Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte of Luxembourg, was born on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1955 at Betzdorf castle (Luxembourg).

On March 4<sup>th</sup> 1998, he was appointed *Lieutenant-Représentant* by his father, Grand Duke Jean, in accordance with the dispositions defined in article 42 of the Constitution.

Since his accession to the throne on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2000, HRH became Grand Duke of Luxembourg, succeeding his father [Grand Duke Jean](#).

### STUDIES

Prince Henri attended secondary school in Luxembourg and in France, where he obtained his baccalaureate in 1974. He then studied economics and political science at the University of Geneva, graduating with Honours in political science in 1980.

Several honorary degrees have been conferred to HRH: he is Dr honoris causa of Human Letters of the Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut (USA) as well as Dr honoris causa of Law of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (USA). In addition, he is Dr honoris causa of Economics of Khon Kaen University, Thailand, Dr honoris causa of Political Science of the Universities of Trier (Germany) and León (Nicaragua).

### MILITARY CAREER

In 1974, Prince Henri went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (UK) and was commissioned as an officer in 1975. In 1989, he was also appointed Honorary Major of the Royal Parachute Regiment (UK). As Head of the Luxembourg Armed Forces, he holds the rank of a General.

### FAMILY

On February 14<sup>th</sup> 1981, Prince Henri married [Maria Teresa Mestre](#), whom he met during his studies at the University of Geneva. The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess have four sons and one daughter: [Prince Guillaume](#) (born 1981), the Hereditary Grand Duke, [Prince Félix](#) (1984), [Prince Louis](#) (1986), [Princess Alexandra](#) (1991) and [Prince Sébastien](#) (1992).

The Grand Duke is today grandfather to three grandsons and one grand-daughter: Gabriel (born March 12<sup>th</sup> 2006) and Noah (September 21<sup>st</sup> 2007), the children of Prince Louis of Luxembourg, Amalia (born June 15<sup>th</sup> 2014) and Liam (November 28<sup>th</sup> 2016), the children of Prince Félix and Princess Claire of Luxembourg.

## **FUNCTIONS AND PATRONAGES**

Between 1978 and 2000, as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Economic Development, today *Luxembourg for Business and Innovation*, HRH made numerous voyages around the world to promote investment opportunities in the Grand Duchy. Today, this function is held by the Hereditary Grand Duke.

From 1980 to 1998, he was a regular member of the [State Council](#) (*Conseil d'État*), enabling him to learn about the intricacies of the legislative branch of Luxembourg's parliamentary system.

His Royal Highness is patron of a diversity of associations active in cultural, sports, scientific, ecological and social work.

He has been a full member of the [International Olympic Committee](#) since the Nagano session of February 1998. HRH actively advocates the promotion of the Olympic values and has been a member of the [Olympic Solidarity Commission](#) since 1999.

The Grand Duke is furthermore Board member of the *Fondation du Grand-Duc et de la Grande-Duchesse*. The foundation works for the integration of vulnerable people or people with special needs into the Luxembourg society and also supports international projects in Africa and Asia.

His Royal Highness is also an active member of [the Mentor Foundation](#), created under the patronage of the World Health Organization (WHO), aiming to prevent substance abuse among young people.

The Grand Duke is deeply concerned about nature and its preservation both in Luxembourg and abroad. He is Chairman of the Galápagos Darwin Trust Luxembourg and part of the Presidents' Council of the [Darwin Foundation](#). This NGO contributes to the preservation of the environment and biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands.

HRH is equally patron of [natur&ëmwelt](#), an organization active in the protection of nature in the Grand Duchy.

His High Patronage of the [Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg](#) is evidence of the support HRH lends to the promotion of science and innovation among the young citizens of the country.

During his visit to Senegal in January 2018, HRH the Grand Duke was elevated to the distinguished rank of Pilgrim-Ambassador of the Memory of Gorée. His plaque is now displayed alongside those bearing the names of Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, and Pope John Paul II.

## **INTERESTS**

HRH is an avid reader and an amateur of classical music. His favorite sports include swimming, water-skiing, sailing and tennis. As a nature-loving person, HRH can occasionally be found roaming Luxembourg's various nature reserves.

## **LANGUAGES**

Besides Luxembourgish, the Grand Duke is fluent in French, English and German.