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Biography of His Royal Highness Prince Felix

His Royal Highness Prince Félix was born on 3 June 1984 at the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Prince Félix Léopold Marie Guillaume, Prince of Luxembourg, Prince of Nassau and Bourbon-Parme, is the second child of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg. His brothers and sister are:

- Prince Guillaume, Hereditary Grand Duke,
- Prince Louis,
- Princess Alexandra,
- Prince Sébastien.

Named after his great-grandfather Prince Félix de Bourbon-Parme, Prince Félix of Luxembourg is the third in the order of succession to the throne.

In December 2012, the Office of the Marshal of the Court announced the engagement of Prince Félix and Claire Lademacher. Their wedding took place on 21 September 2013 at the *Basilique de Sainte Marie-Madeleine de Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume* in France. By marriage, Claire Lademacher holds the title of Her Royal Highness Princess Claire of Luxembourg, Princess of Nassau.

Prince Félix and Princess Claire are parents to a girl and a boy: Princess Amalia Gabriela Maria Teresa, who was born on 15 June 2014 at the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* in Luxembourg, and Prince Liam Henri Hartmut, who was born on 28 November 2016 at the *Clinique Générale-Beaulieu* in Geneva.



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Education and work

After completing his primary school in Lorentzweiler, Prince Félix continued his secondary school studies at the public school *Notre-Dame Sainte-Sophie de Luxembourg*, then at the American School of Luxembourg. In 1998, he joined the Swiss boarding school *Collège Alpin Beau Soleil* in Villars-sur-Ollon, where he met his future wife, Claire Lademacher. In 2003, he graduated with honours from secondary school. He then joined the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst in the United Kingdom, but had to quit for health reasons before graduating.

Afterwards, Prince Félix completed a number of internships in various companies. From 2005 to 2009, he worked at the marketing and public relations department of a Swiss company specialising in the organisation of sporting and cultural events.

The Prince then decided to resume his studies. He first took intensive Italian language courses in Milan before enrolling in a Bachelor's degree and completing a Master's degree in Bioethics at the University *Regina Apostolorum* in Rome in 2013.

With his wife, Princess Claire, he has been managing the *Château Les Crostes* wine estate in Lorgues in the South of France since October 2013. In 2016, Prince Félix also became the president of the *Lorgues Terre de Vins* association, a group of 12 winegrowers from Lorgues, who promote their town in Provence as an attractive tourist and wine destination. With a couple of friends, Prince Félix and Princess Claire created the "Young Empire" company in 2016, a clothing, furniture and homeware brand for children. As an entrepreneur himself, Prince Félix closely monitors the progress of several start-ups, offering advice as well as investing in those that he finds most promising.

In addition to Luxembourgish, Prince Félix is fluent in French, English, German and Italian. He has some knowledge of Spanish.



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Official activities

Prince Félix regularly takes part in the activities of the Grand Ducal Family. When his schedule permits, the Prince attends ceremonies or official activities such as the National Day or the last day of the *Octave*. He can represent his brother, the Hereditary Grand Duke, at events if the latter is unable to participate. Prince Félix thus attended the graduation ceremony of the presentation of the *Diplômes de Maîtrise* and the *Diplômes de la Promotion du Travail* of the *Chambre des Métiers* (Chamber of Trades) or the presentation of the *Certificats de la Promotion du Travail* of the *Chambre de Commerce* (Chamber of Commerce) in 2020.

Occasionally, he and his wife participate in other activities, such as visiting the International Bazaar of the Luxembourg Red Cross.

Prince Félix has accepted the High Patronage of the parachutist sports association *Cercle Para Luxembourg/Fédération aéronautique luxembourgeoise* (FAL) in 2003.

As a keen basketball fan, he also holds the permanent High Patronage of the *Luxembourg Basketball Federation* (FLBB) since 2005 and he likes to attend basketball matches in Luxembourg on a regular basis.

As he works himself in the wine industry, Prince Félix is eager to support the know-how of Luxembourg's winegrowers and occasionally participates in events. For instance, Prince Félix attended the celebration the 50th anniversary of the *Vinsmoselle* wine cooperative in 2016. In 2018, he was present at the "*Hunnefeier*" in Schengen, a tradition celebrating the end of the grape harvest.

The Prince holds the rank of *Chevalier* of the *Ordre du Lion d'Or de la Maison de Nassau*.



Interests and hobbies

During his youth, Prince Félix was a member of the Scouts.

For five consecutive years, Prince Félix had received the title of "best athlete" at the *Collège Alpin Beau Soleil*. He regularly plays tennis and golf and is a keen skydiver, kite surfer and water skier. A fan of winter sports since his childhood, the Prince has reached a remarkable level in skiing.

After having lived in Rome and Geneva, Prince Félix moved to Frankfurt with his family in 2018.