



Biography of Her Royal Highness Princess Claire

Princess Claire was born on 21 March 1985 in Filderstadt, Germany.

Her Royal Highness Princess Claire of Luxembourg, née Claire Margareta Lademacher, is the second child of Hartmut and Gabriele Lademacher. Claire has an older brother, Félix Lademacher. She spent her childhood with her family in Usingen (district of the Hoher Taunus, Germany).

In December 2012, the Marshal of the Court announces the engagement of Prince Félix and Claire Lademacher. Their wedding takes place on 21 September 2013 in the *Basilique de Sainte Marie-Madeleine de Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume* in France. Upon her wedding, she received the title of "Her Royal Highness Princess Claire of Luxembourg, Princess of Nassau".

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

Education and Work

After completing her primary school education in Germany, Princess Claire moved to Atlanta (USA) with her family, where she attended the Atlanta International School. In addition to German, her native language, Princess Claire speaks English, French and Italian.



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In 1999, her family returned to Germany. Princess Claire then attended the Frankfurt International School before spending two years at the boarding school of the *Collège Alpin Beau Soleil* in Switzerland, where she met Prince Félix. In 2003, she obtained the English A-Levels diploma with honours (Prize of Excellency).

Princess Claire studied International Communications at the American University of Paris, where she graduated in 2007.

She gained some first-hand work experience at the *Condé Nast* publishing house in New York and Munich, before working at *IMG World* in Berlin.

In 2009, after obtaining a Master's degree in Bioethics with *summa cum laude* at the *Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum* University in Rome, Princess Claire wanted to deepen her knowledge and enrolled in doctoral studies in that field. Simultaneously, she worked for the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics and Human Rights. In order to obtain her PhD, Princess Claire presented her thesis on the ethical aspects of consent to organ donation in Rome. As part of the research for her thesis, she was invited as guest researcher at the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics* at *Georgetown University* in Washington D.C.

Together with her husband, Prince Félix, Princess Claire has been managing the *Château les Crostes* wine estate in Lorgues since 2013 and she is a co-founder of the *Young Empire* company, a clothing and decorating brand for children.

Alongside her professional and family commitments, she is still closely following the developments in the field of bioethics. In February 2018, Princess Claire was a visiting professor at the Faculty of Bioethics at the *Regina Apostolorum* University in Rome. In March 2018, the Princess attended the *Ethics in Action* ("Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, and Access to Justice for the Poor and Vulnerable") conference at the *Pontificia Academia Scientiarum* of the Vatican.



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In March 2019, she was a speaker in the discussion group on the inclusion of children born of rape at the *Stand Speak Rise Up!* conference organised at the initiative of H.R.H. the Grand Duchess.

Official activities

Princess Claire takes part in a number of ceremonies and official activities such as the National Day or the traditional closing ceremony of the *Octave*. She also participates in other activities of the Grand Ducal Family.

In line with her academic background, Princess Claire is involved with the association *Luxembourg Transplant ASBL*, which is under her High Patronage. She regularly attends the World Organ Donation Day in Luxembourg.

Interests and hobbies

Inspired by her parents, Princess Claire has always shown an interest in social and cultural issues. She has managed to combine her extensive travels with an involvement in humanitarian projects, for example in Tiruppur, India.

Princess Claire is a voracious reader who loves autobiographies. She also practices yoga, pilates and plays badminton. Very close to nature, she has been passionate about photography since her teenage years.

Since August 2018, Princess Claire lives in Frankfurt/Main (Germany) with her husband and their two children. She enjoys baking and drawing with her children. Being very invested in her children's education, she helps them discover the joy of learning and understanding the world.