

BIOGRAPHY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE LOUIS OF LUXEMBOURG

His Royal Highness Prince Louis Xavier Marie Guillaume of Luxembourg was born at the *Maternité Grande-Duchesse Charlotte* in Luxembourg on 3 August 1986. He is the third child of Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess.

The Prince has three brothers, the Hereditary Grand Duke Prince Guillaume (1981), Prince Felix (1984), Prince Sébastien (1992) and one sister, Princess Alexandra (1991).

On 29 September 2006, Prince Louis married Miss Tessy Antony (28 October 1985) in Luxembourg. HRH the Grand Duke awarded the title of Princess of Luxembourg to the wife of Prince Louis on 23 June 2009, on the occasion of Luxembourg's National Holiday.

The princely couple have two sons, Prince Gabriel (12 March 2006) and Prince Noah (21 September 2007).

In 2004, Prince Louis received the Order of the "Lion d'Or" of the House of Nassau.

EDUCATION

After his primary school education in Lorentzweiler, Prince Louis went on to study at the American School of Luxembourg. He then left for Switzerland, where he continued his secondary education at the *Collège Beau Soleil* and graduated in June 2005.

Prince Louis speaks Luxembourgish, French, English and German fluently. He also has a sound knowledge of Spanish.

During his time in Switzerland, he developed a particular interest in social and humanitarian work. He has taken part in missions organised by an NGO, in cooperation with his school, in Mumbai, India. There, he taught English to children from the poorest neighbourhoods of the city and to children living on the street.

After his return to Europe, he followed what seems to have become a calling and carried out a one-year traineeship at the headquarters of the Red Cross in Geneva. During his school holidays, he also participated in programmes for looking after groups of children and supporting the elderly.

After spending two years in the United States, where Prince Louis underwent training in "Aeronautics and Aeronautical Management" and gained his "Private pilot certificate", the princely family moved to England. There, Prince Louis and Princess Tessy are currently attending university.

OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES

When his agenda and his studies permit, Prince Louis and his family will return to Luxembourg and take part in the activities of the Grand Ducal family.

PATRONAGE

Dedicated to upholding certain values, such as those promoted through sport, Prince Louis accepted the High Patronage of the *Fédération luxembourgeoise de Tennis de Table* (Luxembourg Table Tennis Federation) (2004), the *Fédération des Arts Martiaux* (Luxembourg Martial Arts Federation) (2010) and the *Fédération Aéronautique Luxembourgeoise* (Luxembourg Aeronautical Federation) (2011).

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Prince Louis is a keen fan of numerous sports, most of which he also practices avidly. He has a passion for mountain sports (alpine skiing, snowboarding, climbing, etc.), as well as cycling and scuba diving, which he shares with his wife, Princess Tessy.

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