

Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice of Bourbon-Two Sicilies is the eldest sister of Charles of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, Head of the Royal House which ruled the southern half of the Italian peninsula and Sicily until 1861, the last monarchs of an independent Kingdom founded by the Normans on Christmas Day in the year 1130.

Married in 1978 to Prince Charles Bonaparte, she is the mother of the current pretender to the French imperial throne, Prince Jean-Christophe Napoleon, and Princess Caroline Napoleon, by whom she has three grandchildren.

Living between the ancient Bourbon capital of Naples, the Sicilian city of Noto, and Paris, France, Princess Beatrice is a noted historian and philanthropist, who has dedicated herself to the promotion of economic growth in the territories that constituted the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. She is the founder of *Due Sicilie*, an innovative digital portal designed to promote the culture of Southern Italy, market its artisanal products around the world, and offer unique heritage travel opportunities. To combat the challenge of youth unemployment in the southern regions, the income generated by the platform is largely devoted to supporting young entrepreneurs in the area.

Known for her warm spirit and kindness, the Princess is committed to helping the poor in the historic territories of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and personally oversees philanthropic and cultural activities, including the restoration of historic sites.

Princess Beatrice is recognized for her continued generous support of schools and children in need, and she frequently visits sites throughout the former Kingdom, such as the Mongiana iron works in Calabria, founded by her ancestors, to showcase the varied history of the territories. She has traveled extensively to Reggio Calabria, Andria, Bari in Puglia, Naples, throughout the Amalfi coast, and Monreale, Enna and Palermo in Sicily. She maintains a close rapport with local nobility and the public in general, and often visits people in need off camera to personally tend to them.

Passionate about arts and design, she is a well-known designer who has created interiors and decorative works for clients around the world. And she has focused this passion into projects to promote the training of young people in old trades and craft industries, creating programs with the Royal Palace of Caserta, the Royal Silk Weavers Colony at San Leucio, and other historic landmarks throughout the south of Italy.

Princess Beatrice is a Dame Grand Cross of Justice and the Grand Prefect of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, an ancient and internationally recognized Order of Knighthood whose origins traditionally date back to the early 4th century to Emperor Constantine the Great, and is considered one of the oldest Orders of Knighthood in the world. As the first woman to occupy the position of Grand Prefect, she works to promote the Order's mission to propagate the Roman Catholic faith through contributions in social welfare and hospital care around the globe.

Amongst her many charitable and cultural roles, Princess Beatrice is an Ambassador for the Mediterranean, a member of the Exceptional Women group at UNESCO, and a member of the Board of Directors of the *Societe des Amis de Versailles*.