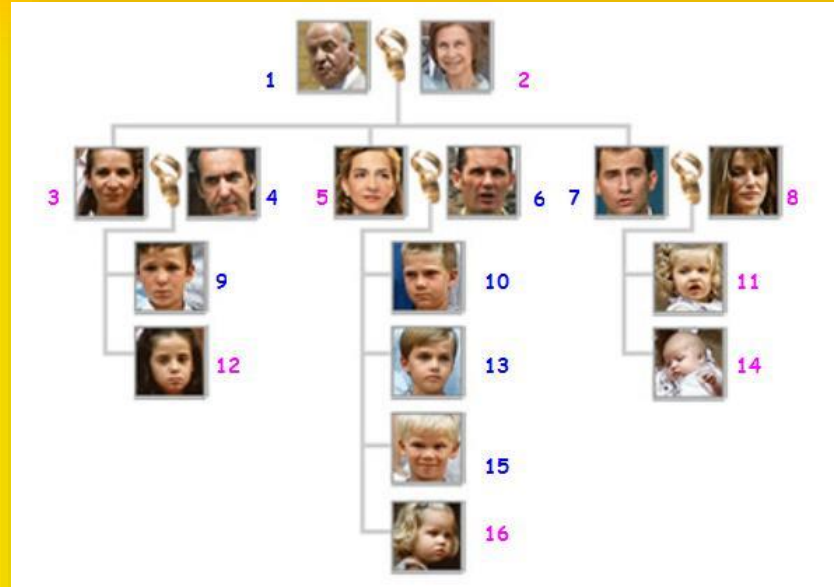


La Familia Real de España



**Former King Juan Carlos
and Former Queen Sofía
of España**



Coat of Arms for the Spanish Monarch

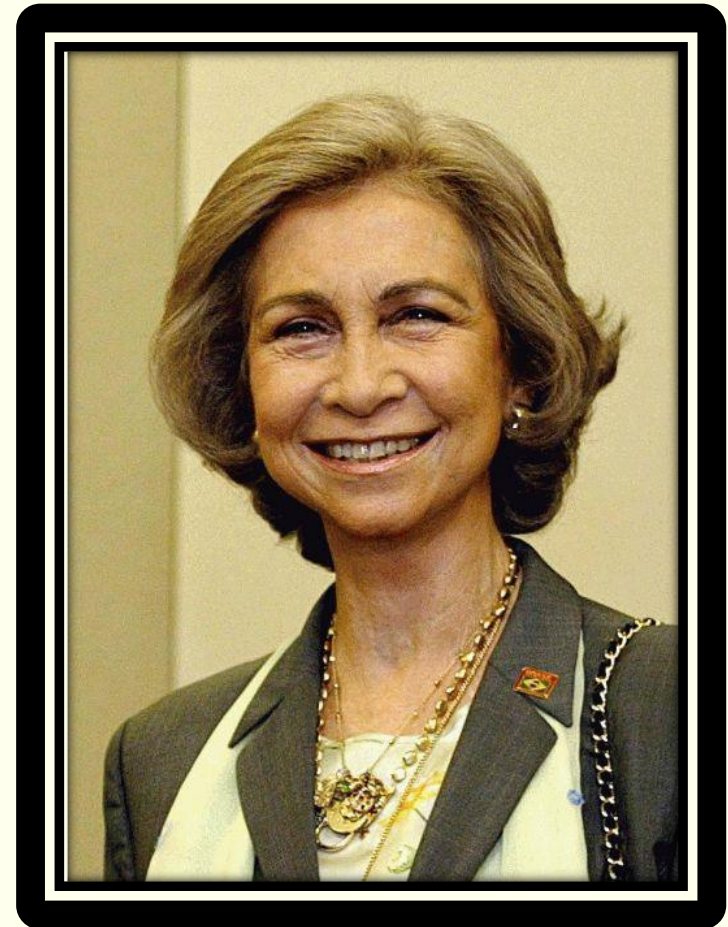




Juan Carlos I



Sofia



King Juan Carlos I

- Member of the Bourbon Royal Family and the King of Spain from 1975-2015.
- On 22 November 1975, two days after the death of dictator Francisco Franco, Juan Carlos was named King.
- **Juan Carlos I** (baptized as *Juan Carlos Alfonso Víctor María de Borbón y Borbón-Dos Sicilias*; born 5 January 1938 in Rome, Italy).
- On 18 June 2015, Juan Carlos I abdicated from the Spanish throne explaining that it was time for a new generation to move to the front line and face the country's challenges.

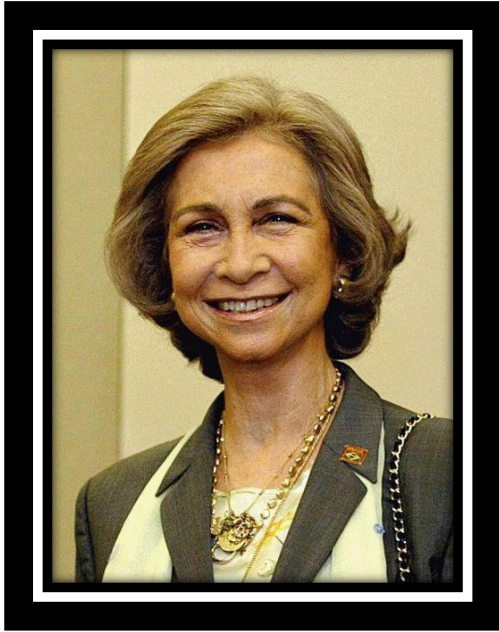




Spain's Government



- As of 1978, Spain has been a Parliamentary System with a Constitutional Monarchy. This is similar to the system in Great Britain. The King is the head of the state and as such, represents Spain internationally. The Spanish Constitution limits the authority of the King (and all future Monarchs) to mostly ceremonial powers. The King has the authority to propose candidates to serve as head of governments, but his proposal's must be approved by the Parliament.



Former Queen Sofia

- She represented Greece in sailing at the 1960 Summer Olympics.
- She is a second cousin to Charles, the Prince of Wales.
- She was Princess Sophia Margaret Victoria Frederica of Greece and Denmark.
- Her brother is the deposed King Constantine II of Greece and her sister Princess Irene of Greece and Denmark.

Juan Carlos and Sofia of España have 3 children (2 daughters and 1 son)

- The two daughters hold the title Infanta (Princess) of Spain, with the style *Her Royal Highness*. Their husbands hold no title of their own but are styled *His Excellency The Duke of <wife's ducal title>*. Their children hold the style of *His* or *Her Excellency* and the rank of a Grandee of Spain.



Infanta Elena de Borbón y Grecia

The eldest daughter



- *Elena María Isabel Dominica de Silos de Borbón y de Grecia.*
- *The first or paternal family name is "Borbón" and the second or maternal family name is "Grecia".*
- **Full Title** - *Her Royal Highness Elena María Isabel Dominica de Silos, Infanta of Spain, Duchess of Lugo.*
- She is honorary president of the Spanish Pediatrics Society, and of Special Olympics Spain, which promotes the participation of the mentally handicapped in sports activities, and of the Spanish Anti-AIDS Foundation.

Elena has two children -

His Excellency Felipe Juan Froilán de Todos los Santos de Marichalar y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (Grande de España (born 17 July 1998))



Her Excellency Victoria Federica de Todos los Santos de Marichalar y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (Grande de España) (born 9 September 2000)



Infanta Cristina, the second daughter



- Infanta Cristina, Federica de Borbon y Grecia is the younger daughter of the king and Queen of Spain.
- She was a member of the Olympic sailing team in the Seoul Games in 1988, where she was the standard bearer for the Spanish team in the opening parade.
- She attended New York University, obtaining a master's degree in international relations in 1990.

Her husband, Iñaki Urdangarín

- She married team handball player Iñaki Urdangarín in Barcelona on 4 October 1997, at which time her father conferred on her the title Duchess of Palma de Mallorca for life.
 - In June 2015, the king stripped her of this title.
 - Cristina & Iñaki facing tax fraud charges



They have 4 children

His Excellency Juan Valentín de Todos los Santos Urdangarín y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (born 29 September 1999)

His Excellency Pablo Nicolás Sebastián de Todos los Santos Urdangarín y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (born 6 December 2000)

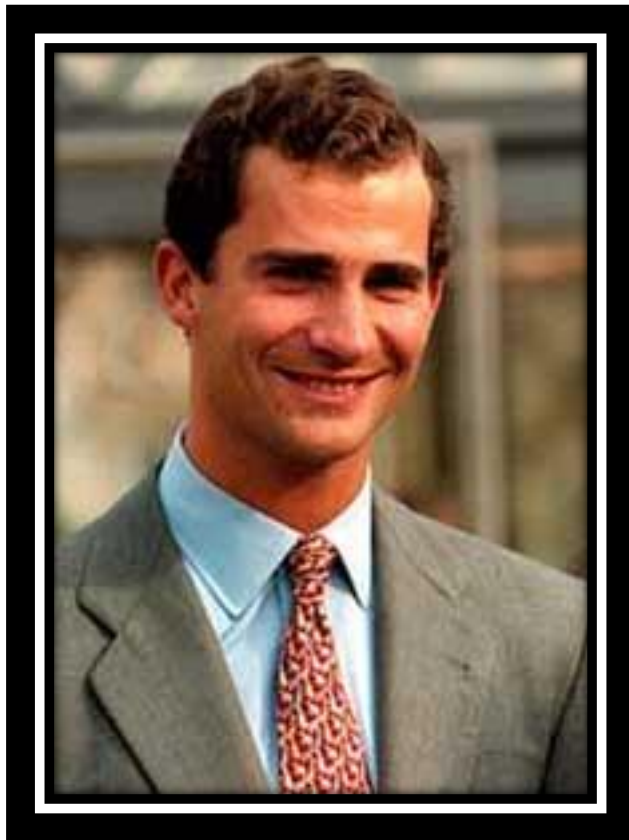


His Excellency Miguel de Todos los Santos Urdangarín y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (born 30 April 2002)

Her Excellency Irene de Todos los Santos Urdangarín y de Borbón, Grandee of Spain (born 5 June 2005)

The youngest, a son – His Royal Majesty King Felipe VI of Bourbon and Greece

King Felipe de Borbón y Grecia, the third child of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, was born in Madrid on January 30th, 1968



His wife, Her Majesty the Queen Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano, was born on 15th September 1972





King Felipe VI

- His full name is Felipe Juan Pablo Alfonso de Todos los Santos de Borbón y de Grecia.
- He obtained a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.
- Felipe was a member of the Olympic sailing team at the Barcelona Games in 1992.
- Youngest royalty in Europe.
- Felipe and Letizia were married on 22 May 2004 in Madrid.
- His wife, Queen Letizia was an award-winning television journalist formerly with CNN.

They have 2 daughters

**HRH Princess Leonor de Todos los Santos of Spain, was born on 31 October 2005.
She holds the title Princess of Asturias.**

HRH Princess Sofía de Todos los Santos of Spain was born on 29 April 2007





Resources



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