

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco

Born in 1958 to a family originating from Genoa in the 13th century, Albert-Alexandre-Louis-Pierre Grimaldi has been Prince of Monaco since his father, Prince Rainier III, died on 6 April 2005.

He has been Knight Grand Cross decorated with Grand Cordon of the Italian Republic since his official visit to Italian President Carlo Ciampi, just a few months after his accession on 13 December 2005.

In 2006, he established the Foundation which bears his name, engaged in environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable development both locally and globally. He is the only head of state to have visited the North and South poles, in 2006 and 2009, earning greater authority in international fora where he speaks about the fragility of the polar regions and their role as observatories of climate change.

He practises several sports and participated in the Winter Olympics five times between 1988 and 2002, competing in bobsleigh. IOC member since 1985, he provides patronage to the "Peace and Sport" association for the promotion of peace through sport as a driver of social cohesion.

Prince Albert II is a lover of painting, sculpture and photography. He is the owner of a prestigious collection, which he inherited and has expanded over the years, and regularly lends the most beautiful pieces to different exhibitions.

He speaks Italian and is very proud of his ancestry and periodically visits the communities linked to his family's history in Italy, grouped together in the Italian association Grimaldi of Monaco Historic Sites, which he is the honorary president of.

In 2014, he was awarded an honorary degree in Marine Sciences by the University of Genoa for his commitment to defending the seas.

In 2022, Mayor Marco Bucci awarded him honorary citizenship of the city of Genoa, when the city joined the Grimaldi of Monaco Historic Sites association.

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