

# Fun Facts About the Royal Family

The British Royal Family is one of the most famous royal families in the world! Here are some cool facts that might surprise you:

## 1. The Queen and her Corgis

Queen Elizabeth II was known for her love of Corgis. She owned more than 30 during her lifetime! They were her faithful companions and even had their own special food and toys.

## 2. A Long History

The British monarchy dates back over a thousand years! The first King of England, Egbert, was crowned in 802 AD. Many famous kings and queens have ruled since then, including William the Conqueror and Queen Victoria.

## 3. The Royal Family's Surname

Believe it or not, the Royal Family's official name is the House of Windsor. This name was adopted in 1917 during World War I, replacing their original German name, the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, because of anti-German sentiment at the time.

## 4. Changing of the Guard

One of the most popular ceremonies in London is the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. It happens daily in the summer and every other day in the winter. Soldiers in red tunics and bearskin hats perform this ceremony, and it's free to watch!

## 5. Royal Residences

The Royal Family lives in several official residences, but the most famous is Buckingham Palace in London. It has over 775 rooms! They also spend time at Windsor Castle and Sandringham House.

## 6. The Royal Family is Modernizing

In recent years, the Royal Family has made efforts to modernize their image, especially with younger members like Prince William and his wife Kate, and Prince Harry and Meghan Markle using social media to connect with people.

## 7. Royal Wedding Traditions

Many traditions surround royal weddings! For example, the bride often carries a bouquet with myrtle, a symbol of love and marriage. The first royal wedding with a televised ceremony was that of Princess Anne in 1973.

## Conclusion

Whether you're interested in history, fashion, or just love a good story, the Royal Family has plenty to

offer. Who knows? Maybe one day you'll visit Buckingham Palace yourself!