

European royals feel the common touch

While not first in line to succeed, Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton will see the couple join a host of young royals, all of whom have chosen to marry commoners, as they prepare to inherit the thrones of Europe

◀ **Sweden:** *Crown Princess Victoria* marries her personal trainer, **Daniel Westling**, at Stockholm Cathedral in June 2010, on 34th anniversary of her parents' marriage



◀ **Norway:** *Crown Prince Haakon* marries single mother **Mette-Marit Tjessem Høiby** in August 2001, at Oslo Cathedral



▼ **Denmark:** *Crown Prince Frederik* marries Australian marketing consultant **Mary Donaldson** in May 2004 at Copenhagen Cathedral. They met at Sydney Olympics in 2000



▲ **Spain:** *Felipe, Prince of Asturias*, marries TV journalist and divorcee **Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano** in May 2004 at Madrid's Almudena Cathedral

▼ **Netherlands:** *Prince Willem-Alexander* marries Argentinian investment banker **Maxima Zorreguieta** in February 2002. He will become Netherlands' first male monarch since 1890



▲ **Belgium:** *Prince Philippe* marries **Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz** in December 1999. Mathilde is in line to become Belgium's first native-born queen consort

▲ **Monaco:** *Albert II, ruling Prince of Monaco*, will wed former South African swimmer **Charlene Wittstock** in July this year

