

# Monaco joins the royal wedding party

Hot on the heels of Britain's royal wedding, Prince Albert of Monaco weds his longtime girlfriend Charlene Wittstock, continuing the relatively recent tradition of European royals choosing to marry commoners

Britain, 2011: *Prince William*, ▶ second in line to throne, marries *Catherine Middleton* on April 29, eight years after couple meet at University of St Andrews

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



▼ Sweden, 2010: *Crown Princess Victoria* marries her personal trainer, *Daniel Westling*, at Stockholm Cathedral on June 19 – 34th anniversary of her parents' marriage



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



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



▼ Denmark, 2004: *Crown Prince Frederik* marries Australian marketing consultant *Mary Donaldson* at Copenhagen Cathedral, after meeting at Sydney Olympics in 2000



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

