

British Royalty Tours the U.S.



Two members of the British royal family, Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife, Camilla, who is the Duchess of Cornwall, recently visited the U.S. for a week. Their visit celebrated the long friendship between the U.S. and England.

This was the couple's first visit to the U.S. since they were married in April, and Prince Charles' first U.S. visit since 1994.

During their visit, Prince Charles and the Duchess visited Ground Zero in New York City. There they dedicated a garden in memory of British citizens killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. They also had lunch and dinner with President and Mrs. Bush at the White House. They stopped in New Orleans and ended their trip in California where they visited homeless people and met children who learn about nature by growing and cooking food at the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley.

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Prince Charles will become England's king when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, retires or dies. Unlike kings of long ago, though, he will not rule the country. A prime minister, who is elected, and a parliament, which functions like the U.S. Congress, govern the country.

Prince Charles has two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. They are the sons of Charles and his first wife, Diana. Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in 1997. The oldest son, William, is next in line to become king after his father.

MORE FACTS ABOUT THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

- Queen Elizabeth is England's "Head of State." While she does not make laws, she presides at ceremonial occasions and represents England around the world.

THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

If you could talk with Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, what would you ask them about Great Britain what it is like to be royalty?