

# RULERS AND REGIMES

## In Principal European Countries since 1500

### HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

#### Habsburg Line

MAXIMILIAN I	1493-1519
CHARLES V	1519-1556
FERDINAND I	1556-1564
MAXIMILIAN II	1564-1576
RUDOLPH II	1576-1612
MATTHIAS	1612-1619
FERDINAND II	1619-1637
FERDINAND III	1637-1657
LEOPOLD I	1658-1705
JOSEPH I	1705-1711
CHARLES VI	1711-1740

Charles VI was succeeded by a daughter, Maria Theresa, who as a woman could not be elected Holy Roman Emperor. French influence in 1742 secured the election of

#### Bavarian Line

CHARLES VII	1742-1745
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On Charles VII's death the Habsburg control of the Emperorship was resumed.

#### Lorraine Line

FRANCIS I	1745-1765
(husband of Maria Theresa)	

#### Habsburg-Lorraine Line

JOSEPH II	1765-1790
(son of Francis I and Maria Theresa)	
LEOPOLD II	1790-1792
FRANCIS II	1792-1806

The Holy Roman Empire became extinct in 1806.

### AUSTRIAN DOMINIONS

The rulers of Austria from 1438 to 1740, and at least titular kings of Hungary from 1526 to 1740, were the same as the Holy Roman Emperors. After 1740:

#### Habsburg Line (through female heir)

MARIA THERESA	1740-1780
JOSEPH II	1780-1790
LEOPOLD II	1790-1792
FRANCIS II	1792-1835

In 1804 Francis II took the title of Emperor, as Francis I of the Austrian Empire. Austria was declared an "empire" because Napoleon proclaimed France an empire in that year, and because the demise of the Holy Roman Empire could be foreseen.

FERDINAND I	1835-1848
FRANCIS JOSEPH	1848-1916
CHARLES I	1916-1918

The Austrian Empire became extinct in 1918.

### BRITISH ISLES

#### Tudor Line

Kings of England and Ireland	
HENRY VII	1485-1509
HENRY VIII	1509-1547
EDWARD VI	1547-1553
MARY I	1553-1558
ELIZABETH I	1558-1603

In 1603 James VI of Scotland, a great-great-grandson of Henry VII, succeeded to the English throne.

#### Stuart Line

Kings of England and Ireland, and of Scotland	
JAMES I	1603-1625
CHARLES I	1625-1649

**Republican Interregnum**

*The Commonwealth* 1649–1653  
*The Protectorate*  
 OLIVER CROMWELL 1653–1658  
 Lord Protector  
 RICHARD CROMWELL 1658–1660

**Restored Stuart Line**

CHARLES II 1660–1685  
 JAMES II 1685–1688

In 1688 James II was forced out of the country, but Parliament kept the crown in a female branch of the Stuart family, calling in Mary, the daughter of James II, and her husband William III of the Netherlands.

WILLIAM III 1689–1702,  
 AND MARY II 1689–1694  
 ANNE 1702–1714

In 1707, through the Union of England and Scotland, the royal title became King (or Queen) of Great Britain and Ireland. The Stuart family having no direct Protestant heirs, the throne passed in 1714 to the German George I, Elector of Hanover, a great-grandson of James I.

**Hanoverian Line**

Kings of Great Britain and Ireland  
 GEORGE I 1714–1727  
 GEORGE II 1727–1760  
 GEORGE III 1760–1820  
 GEORGE IV 1820–1830  
 WILLIAM IV 1830–1837

William IV having no heirs, the British throne passed in 1837 to Victoria, a granddaughter of George III. Though the British family has continued in direct descent from George I, it has dropped the Hanoverian designation and is now known as the House of Windsor. From 1877 to 1947 the British rulers bore the additional title of Emperor (or Empress) of India.

VICTORIA 1837–1901  
 EDWARD VII 1901–1910  
 GEORGE V 1910–1936  
 EDWARD VIII 1936  
 GEORGE VI 1936–1952  
 ELIZABETH II 1952–

FRANCE

**Valois Line**

LOUIS XI 1461–1483  
 CHARLES VIII 1483–1498  
 LOUIS XII 1498–1515  
 FRANCIS I 1515–1547  
 HENRY II 1547–1559  
 FRANCIS II 1559–1560  
 CHARLES IX 1560–1574  
 HENRY III 1574–1589

In 1589 the Valois line became extinct, and the throne passed to Henry of Bourbon, a remote descendant of French kings of the fourteenth century.

**Bourbon Line**

HENRY IV 1589–1610  
 LOUIS XIII 1610–1643  
 LOUIS XIV 1643–1715  
 LOUIS XV 1715–1774  
 LOUIS XVI 1774–1792

**The Republic**

*Convention* 1792–1795  
*Directory* 1795–1799  
*Consulate* 1799–1804

**The Empire**

NAPOLEON I 1804–1814  
 Emperor of the French  
 and King of Italy

**Restored Bourbon Line**

LOUIS XVIII 1814–1824

(Royalists count a Louis XVII, 1793–1795, and date the reign of Louis XVIII from 1795.)

CHARLES X 1824–1830

The Revolution of 1830 gave the throne to the Duke of Orleans, descendant of Louis XIII.

**Orleans Line**

LOUIS-PHILIPPE 1830–1848

**The Second Republic**

1848–1852

**The Second Empire**

NAPOLEON III 1852–1870  
Emperor of the French

**The Third Republic**

1870–1940

**Vichy Regime**

1940–1944

**Provisional Government**

1944–1946

**The Fourth Republic**

1946–1958

**The Fifth Republic**

1958–

**PRUSSIA (AND GERMANY)**

A continuous Hohenzollern line ruled until 1918.

**Electors of Brandenburg and Dukes of Prussia**

GEORGE WILLIAM 1619–1640  
FREDERICK WILLIAM 1640–1688  
the "Great Elector"  
FREDERICK III 1688–1713

In 1701 Frederick III was permitted by the Holy Roman Emperor to entitle himself King in Prussia, as Frederick I.

**Kings of Prussia**

FREDERICK I 1701–1713  
FREDERICK WILLIAM I 1713–1740  
FREDERICK II, the "Great" 1740–1786  
FREDERICK WILLIAM II 1786–1797  
FREDERICK WILLIAM III 1797–1840  
FREDERICK WILLIAM IV 1840–1861  
WILLIAM I 1861–1888

In 1871 William I took the title of German Emperor.

**German Emperors**

WILLIAM I 1871–1888  
FREDERICK III 1888  
WILLIAM II 1888–1918

The German Empire became extinct in 1918. It was succeeded by the

**Weimar Republic**

1919–1933

(an unofficial title for what was still called the Deutsches Reich, a phrase not easy to translate accurately)

**The Third Reich**

1933–1945

(an unofficial title for the Deutsches Reich under Adolf Hitler)  
Allied Military Government in 1945 was followed by

**German Federal Republic (West Germany)**

1949–1990

**German Democratic Republic (East Germany)**

1949–1990

The two Germanys were united in 1990 as German Federal Republic

1990–

**SARDINIA (AND ITALY)**

In 1720 Victor Amadeus II, Duke of Savoy, took the title of King of Sardinia, having acquired the island of that name.

**Kings of Sardinia**

VICTOR AMADEUS II 1720–1730  
CHARLES EMMANUEL III 1730–1773  
VICTOR AMADEUS III 1773–1796  
CHARLES EMMANUEL IV 1796–1802  
VICTOR EMMANUEL I 1802–1821  
CHARLES FELIX 1821–1831  
CHARLES ALBERT 1831–1849  
VICTOR EMMANUEL II 1849–1878

In 1861 Victor Emmanuel II took the title of King of Italy.

**Kings of Italy**

VICTOR EMMANUEL II 1861–1878  
HUMBERT I 1878–1900

VICTOR EMMANUEL III 1900-1946  
HUMBERT II 1946

In 1936 Victor Emmanuel III took the title of Emperor of Ethiopia, which became meaningless with British occupation of Ethiopia in 1941. In 1946 the Kingdom of Italy became extinct and was succeeded by the

**Italian Republic**

1946-

**SPAIN**

FERDINAND AND ISABELLA 1479-1504/1516

Isabella died in 1504, but Ferdinand lived until 1516, whereupon the Spanish thrones were inherited by their grandson Charles, who became Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire, but was known in Spain as Charles I.

**Habsburg Line**

CHARLES I 1516-1556  
PHILIP II 1556-1598  
PHILIP III 1598-1621  
PHILIP IV 1621-1665  
CHARLES II 1665-1700

With Charles II the Spanish Habsburg line became extinct, and the throne passed to the French Bourbon grandson of Louis XIV of France and great-grandson of Philip IV of Spain.

**Bourbon Line**

PHILIP V 1700-1746  
FERDINAND VI 1746-1759  
CHARLES III 1759-1788  
CHARLES IV 1788-1808

**Bonaparte Line**

JOSEPH 1808-1813  
(brother of Napoleon)

**Restored Bourbon Line**

FERDINAND VII 1813-1833  
ISABELLA II 1833-1868

In 1868 Isabella abdicated; after a regency, and a brief reign by Amadeus I (Savoy), 1871-1873, there was a short-lived First Republic, 1873-1874, succeeded by

ALFONSO XII 1874-1885  
ALFONSO XIII 1885-1931

In 1931 a republican revolution unseated Alfonso XIII.

**Second Spanish Republic**

1931-1936

**Spanish Civil War**

1936-1939

**Regime of General Francisco Franco**

1939-1975

Upon the death of Franco the Bourbon family was restored.

JUAN CARLOS I 1975-

**RUSSIA (AND U.S.S.R.)**

**Grand Dukes of Moscow**

IVAN III, the "Great" 1462-1505  
BASIL III 1505-1533  
IVAN IV, the "Terrible" 1533-1584

In 1547 Ivan IV took the title of Tsar of Russia.

**Tsars of Russia**

IVAN IV, the "Terrible" 1547-1584  
THEODORE I 1584-1598  
BORIS GODUNOV 1598-1605

**Time of Troubles**

1604-1613

**Romanov Line**

MICHAEL 1613-1645  
ALEXIS 1645-1676  
THEODORE II 1676-1682  
IVAN V AND PETER I 1682-1689  
PETER I, the "Great" 1689-1725  
CATHERINE I 1725-1727  
PETER II 1727-1730  
ANNA 1730-1740  
IVAN VI 1740-1741  
ELIZABETH 1741-1762  
PETER III 1762

CATHERINE II, the "Great" 1762-1796  
PAUL 1796-1801  
ALEXANDER I 1801-1825  
NICHOLAS I 1825-1855  
ALEXANDER II 1855-1881  
ALEXANDER III 1881-1894  
NICHOLAS II 1894-1917

In 1917 the tsardom became extinct.

**Provisional Government**

1917

**Communist Revolution**

1917

**Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**

1922-1991

Russia 1991 -

(in Commonwealth of Independent States, with 10 other former Soviet Republics)