

Wedding bells for Eugenie

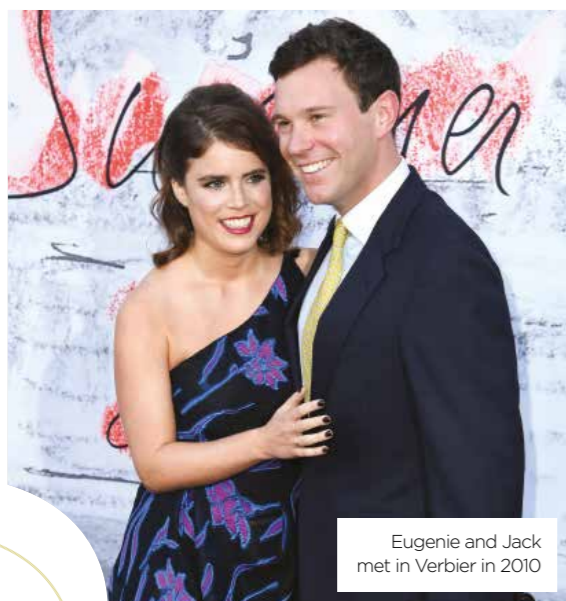
Princess Eugenie gets married to Jack Brooksbank at Windsor Castle in the second royal wedding of the year

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Princess Eugenie, daughter of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson and grandchild to Queen Elizabeth II, announced her engagement to Jack Brooksbank on the 22nd January 2018. The happy couple then tied the knot at Windsor Castle on the 12th October 2018. From the budding romance on the slopes of Switzerland right through to those all-important wedding details, we've got everything you need to know about this royal couple.

THE PERFECT MATCH

Their love story began back in 2010 when Princess Eugenie met Jack Brooksbank while on a ski-break in Verbier. This Swiss location is a hotspot for royalty and A-list holidaymakers so it's not



Eugenie and Jack met in Verbier in 2010

surprising that they first met here. Jack previously worked as the manager of London nightclub Mahiki, and now he is the Brand Ambassador of Casamigos Tequila, the award-winning brand owned by George Clooney. So, we're guessing that the wedding will feature at least a shot or two!

During their early years of dating, they had to have a long-distance relationship because Eugenie moved to New York in 2013 to work at online auction company, Paddle8. Despite living apart for two years, their bond remained strong, and when Eugenie moved back to London the pair were closer than ever.

During their courtship, Jack attended many family affairs with Eugenie, such as Ascot, a weekend stay at Balmoral and even Pippa Middleton's wedding. However, they did manage to find time to enjoy life as a normal couple, too. In an interview with *Harper's Bazaar*, Eugenie divulged what it's like to live a day in her life and she revealed: "When I'm with Jack, we watch *The Walking Dead*, which we're obsessed with."

THE PROPOSAL

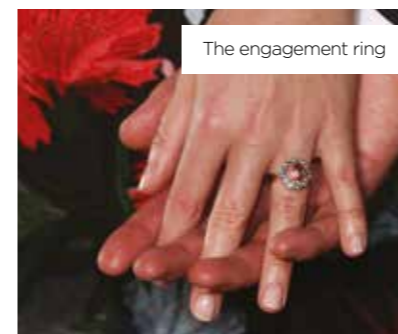
It was when the pair were holidaying in Nicaragua that Jack asked for her hand in marriage. It's reported that Princess Eugenie was already talking about it being an "incredible moment" thanks to the stunning scenery, when Jack dropped to one knee and popped the big question. In a BBC interview Eugenie said that the proposal had come as "a complete surprise", even though the couple had been dating for seven years.

It sounds like a picture-perfect proposal, but there was one thing missing – a ring. Jack had been jewellery shopping and purchased a ring with a pink padparadscha sapphire, however he decided to propose without it! It was because he wanted 'sign

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off' on the ring's final design before the Princess wore it. Back in the UK, the couple decided to add a ring of diamonds around the centre stone and the show-stopping ring has been sported by Eugenie at many occasions since.

It wasn't just Eugenie herself who was thrilled about the proposal. Her mother, Sarah Ferguson took to Twitter to share her excitement. She tweeted a picture of the loved-up pair with a caption expressing her joy about the news.



The engagement ring

The Queen also approved of the couple's engagement and Eugenie revealed, while being interviewed on BBC's *The One Show*, "granny actually knew right at the beginning. She was one of the very few people right at the beginning."

Eugenie and Jack marked their engagement with an official engagement shoot, just as William and

Kate and Harry and Meghan have done in the past. The special photographs were taken within Buckingham Palace, which provided a beautiful backdrop. The happy couple smiled for the cameras and showed off Eugenie's beautifully fashioned engagement ring. One of the special images even featured on Princess Eugenie's Instagram account – did you know she's one of the only royals to have her own personal Instagram account?



The happy couple's engagement photo

THE WEDDING VENUE

The iconic St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle is where Eugenie and Jack tied the knot on the 12th October 2018. You will be familiar with the setting as this chapel is where Prince Harry and Meghan Markle said their vows in May 2018, to become the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. 🇬🇧

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Jack won't be guaranteed a royal title
Princess Eugenie will retain her royal title, Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie of York, however Jack won't necessarily become an Earl. Prince Andrew actually released a statement that read, "it is a complete fabrication to suggest I have asked for any future husbands of the Princesses to have titles," which means Jack will remain a 'commoner', unless the Queen decides otherwise.

Eugenie went to school with Kate Middleton
Both Princess Eugenie and Kate Middleton attended Marlborough College in Wiltshire. Who knew they would end up as family members?

Eugenie isn't paid by the monarchy
Because Eugenie does not carry out public duties, like Prince William and Harry, she does not receive an allowance from the Privy Purse. She has her own job as an Associate Director for Hauser & Wirth, a Swiss art gallery with offices in London and galleries in Zurich, LA, New York, Gstaad, St. Moritz, Hong Kong and Somerset.

Eugenie is ninth in line to the throne
Thanks to William and Kate's growing family and the recent arrival of Prince Louis, Eugenie's succession to the throne has been pushed back. She is the ninth person in line to the throne, just behind her older sister Beatrice.