

# Kate may join William in India as royals plan for busy autumn

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The Princess of Wales may join her husband on a visit to India during a busy autumn of royal engagements following the return of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to the UK.

Palace sources have reiterated that the Sussexes are not working members of the royal family and there will be no “half in, half out” role for them despite Prince Harry and Meghan reportedly planning their own schedule of public appearances.

Harry is expected to attend the Well-Child awards ceremony in September.

Meanwhile, the King and other senior members of the royal family will forge ahead with a “business as usual” autumn schedule, albeit one with some notable highlights.

A source said: “Autumn will be a busy one but it’s not in any way a reaction to the Sussexes’ return. These engagements take months and sometimes years of preparation to pull together so

it’s a case of business as usual.”

If the Princess of Wales joins Prince William in Mumbai in November for the Earthshot Prize ceremony, which is run by the couple’s Royal Foundation, it will be the first substantive joint foreign visit for the Waleses in four years.

Kate, 44, last attended the environmental awards in December 2022 with William when it was held in Boston, US.

In 2023, the couple made a brief public appearance overseas at the wedding of Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II to Rajwa Al Saif in Jordan.

In 2024, Kate received cancer treatment and has since been making a slow but steady return to royal duties.

In May, she made a solo visit to Reggio Emilia, Italy, to continue her research into early childhood.

Meanwhile, plans are in place for Charles and Camilla to visit Antigua and Barbuda in October, where the King will address the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Prior to that, the King will

make a state visit to Guyana and a royal visit to the Bahamas, where Charles is head of state.

Royal sources will be hoping that the meticulous planning for the foreign trips, plus numerous UK engagements, will not be overshadowed by the Sussexes’ return.

It seems that Harry and Meghan are keen to make their presence felt, however, to draw attention to charities supported by the duke. Meghan may also be keen to use a family base in the Cotswolds to draw in a new market for her lifestyle brand, As Ever.

The Sussexes’ move to the UK came as something of a surprise. Harry had previously said that it was too dangerous for him and his family to return.

The duke’s long-running battle to reinstate his UK police protection is still ongoing despite losing his legal case against the Home Office in May 2025.

At the time, Harry described the defeat as a “good old-fashioned establishment stitch-up”. This month, Harry,

who served two tours of duty in Afghanistan, wrote to Shabana Mahmood, the home secretary, to ask her to look at his case.

In the letter, Harry’s legal team is understood to have alleged that the head of Ravec, the committee that meets to advise whether members of the royal family and other VIPs should receive police protection, failed to pass on information to him about a 2023 threat from al-Qaeda.

The threat was not passed on to the duke, his security team or the authorities in the US, where he was living at the time, the Sunday Times reported.

Andy Burnham, the prime minister, has refused to be drawn on Harry and Meghan’s security arrangements in the UK, saying it was a “private matter”.

One source described the Sussexes’ return as “rushed”, adding that Harry had not discussed the plans with his father when he visited the King and Queen at Highgrove with his wife and children in July.