



# Marcel Desailly

Footballing Legend



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Marcel Desailly is a former French footballer and star of the France national football team. He is considered one of the most accomplished footballers of his generation, and one of the finest French defenders. Marcel was noted for his leadership skills and in 2004, he was named by Pele in the FIFA 100 as one of the world's greatest living players.

**"Nicknamed "The Rock" during his playing career**

### In detail

Starting his football career in Nantes, he moved to Olympique de Marseille and then A.C. Milan where he won the UEFA Champions League with both. When Marcel moved to Chelsea in 1998, he went on to be their Captain and became an instant fan favourite. After leaving Chelsea, he moved to Qatar in 2004 where he represented Al-Gharafa and Qatar S.C. before retiring from professional football. He was a star of the French national football team squad, with whom he won the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000. He also was made captain and led them to victory in the 2001 Confederations Cup. In April 2003, Marcel surpassed the record for the number of appearances for the French national team, a number which eventually reached 116 when he announced his retirement from international football following the Euro 2004.

### What he offers you

Found predominantly providing an insight into his career and the world of sport, Marcel is a knowledgeable and highly respected commentator on the modern game. He is in huge demand and renowned for his hardworking, charismatic and professional personality.

### How he presents

Marcel is a personable, confident and intelligent Speaker who engages audiences with his tendency to speak knowledgeably, with his heart on his sleeve.

### Languages

He presents in French and English.

### Want to know more?

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### How to book him?

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### Publications

**2002**

Capitaine

### Topics

- Winning the World Cup
- African Football
- Awards
- Being the Captain