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## Maria Sharapova

Maria Sharapova has shaped women's tennis for many years. She was a superstar and style icon in one and the same person. An era came to an end when the Russian announced her retirement on 26 February 2020.



Maria Sharapova won five grand slam titles in her unique career. She had just turned 17 when she beat title-holder Serena Williams in the 2004 Wimbledon final to become the first Russian to win the world's most prestigious tournament. It qualified her for the WTA Championships in Los Angeles where she again overcame Serena Williams in the final. On 22 August 2005, she became the first Russian to top the world rankings.

With breaks, she was the world No.1 for a total of 21 weeks. Other grand slam titles came her way at the 2006 US Open, the 2008 Australian Open as well as the French Open in 2012 and 2014. Unforgettable is also her title hat-trick at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Not only as such but also in her role as a Porsche Brand Ambassador since 2013, she has shaped Porsche's engagement in women's tennis. During the course of her career, she won a total of 36 singles titles.

### Personal details

Date of Birth: April 19th 1987

Place of Birth: Njagan (Russia)

Nationality: Russian

Residence: Los Angeles (USA)

Height: 188 cm

Plays: Right-handed

Tournament wins: 36

Highest world ranking: 1

Start of professional career: 2001

Hobbies: Interior design, baking, hiking and reading

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The career of Maria Sharapova (Singles)

<b>2017</b>	Winner in Tianjin
<b>2015</b>	Winner in Brisbane and Rom Finalist at the Australian Open and Fed Cup Semi-finalist in Wimbledon
<b>2014</b>	Winner at the French Open, in Stuttgart, Madrid and Beijing
<b>2013</b>	<b>Porsche Brand Ambassador</b> Winner in Stuttgart and Indian Wells Finalist at the French Open, in Miami and Madrid Semi-finalist at the Australian Open
<b>2012</b>	Winner at the French Open, in Stuttgart and Rome Finalist at the Australian Open, WTA Finals, in Indian Wells, Miami and Peking Semi-finalist at the US Open
<b>2011</b>	Winner in Rome and Cincinnati Finalist in Wimbledon, Miami and at the Fed Cup Semi-finalist at the French Open
<b>2010</b>	Winner in Memphis and Strasbourg Finalist in Cincinnati
<b>2009</b>	Winner in Tokyo Finalist in Toronto
<b>2008</b>	Winner at the Australian Open, in Doha, in Amelia Island and at the Fed Cup
<b>2007</b>	Winner in San Diego Finalist at the Australian Open and at the WTA Tour Championships Madrid Semi-finalist at the French Open
<b>2006</b>	Winner at the US Open, in Indian Wells, San Diego, Zürich and Linz Finalist in Miami Semi-finalist at the Australian Open and in Wimbledon
<b>2005</b>	Winner in Tokyo, Doha and Birmingham Finalist in Miami Semi-finalist at the Australian Open, in Wimbledon and at the US Open World No. 1 for the first time
<b>2004</b>	Winner in Wimbledon, at the WTA Tour Championships Los Angeles, in Birmingham, Seoul and Tokyo WTA Player of the Year
<b>2003</b>	Winner in Tokyo and Quebec



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