



Michael Phelps

The most decorated Olympian is coming out of retirement, the first step toward possibly swimming at the 2016 Rio Games

■ **Born:** June 30, 1985

■ **Birthplace:** Baltimore, Maryland

■ **Career:** 39 world records since 2001 – more than any other swimmer. Tally of 57 gold, 11 silver, and 3 bronze medals across Olympic, World and Pan Pacific Championships

■ **2004:** Wins six gold and two bronze medals at Athens Olympics

■ **2008:** Wins eight golds at Beijing Games – record number at single Olympics. Sets seven world records

■ **2009-11:** Captures total of 13 world championship medals, including five golds in Rome (2009) and four golds in Shanghai (2011)

■ **2012:** Quits after winning 18th Olympic gold at London Games

■ **Apr 24-26, 2014:** Phelps returns to competitive swimming at Arena Grand Prix in Mesa, Arizona