

A black and white portrait of Carles Puyol, a former FC Barcelona defender. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark shirt, with his long, wavy hair and beard clearly visible. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

## Carles Puyol Saforcada

**A Legendary Former Footballer at FC Barcelona**

*"One of the best defenders in the world"*

Carles Puyol is a retired Spanish footballer who was regarded as one of the best defenders in the world. A one-club man, Puyol made his debut with FC Barcelona's first team in October 1999 and served as the longtime team captain for his only club Barcelona from 2004 until his retirement in 2014. Carles went on to appear in 593 official games for the club and won 21 major titles, notably six La Liga trophies and three Champions League.

### TOPICS:

- o Life & Times
- o Motivation
- o Sport
- o Teambuilding
- o Leadership

### LANGUAGES:

He presents in Spanish and Catalan.

### IN DETAIL:

Puyol started playing football for his hometown club, as a goalkeeper and in 1995, he joined FC Barcelona's youth programme at "La Masia", switching positions to play as a defensive midfielder; two years later, he started playing for the club's B-team, occupying the position of right back. Mainly a central defender, he could also play on either flank, mostly as a right back. Also, a Spanish international on 100 occasions, Puyol was part of the squad that won the Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup tournaments. In the latter competition's semi-final, he scored the only goal of the match against Germany.

### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

A hugely respected footballer, Carles offers audiences a glimpse of how he has reached the top of his trade and how his dedication to the role has brought him success, fame and celebrity.

### HOW HE PRESENTS:

Carles is an experienced media personality whose appearances are always well received and highly enjoyable. Carles is equally at home whether participating in Q&A sessions or making personal appearances.