

The Rt Hon. Michael Portillo

Journalist, Broadcaster and Former Conservative Politician

"Former cabinet minister expert"

Michael Portillo is a renowned British television presenter, journalist, and former Member of Parliament. His extensive political career, which included serving as a Member of Parliament for over two decades, provides him with a deep understanding of British and international politics.

TOPICS:

- Global Security
- Current Affairs
- Employment
- Globalisation
- Conflict Resolution
- Education

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English and Spanish.

PUBLICATIONS:

2020	Greatest British Railway Journeys
2019	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
2017	Great American Railroad Journeys
2015	Great Continental Railway Journeys

IN DETAIL:

Michael worked for the Conservative Party and for government ministers between 1976 and 1983. He entered the House of Commons in 1984. He was a minister for eleven years and had three positions in the Cabinet, including Secretary of State for Defence. He lost his seat at the 1997 election and began to develop a career in the media. He returned to the Commons between 2000 and 2005, was shadow Chancellor, and contested the leadership of the party in 2001, unsuccessfully. Since leaving politics, he has devoted himself to writing and broadcasting. He is a regular on both BBC 1's *"This Week"* programme and Radio 4's *"The Moral Maze"*. He has made radio and television documentaries on a wide range of subjects, including three series of "Great British Railway Journeys" for BBC2.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Colourful and controversial, and with strong views on the future of Europe, Mr Portillo is an excellent keynote or after dinner speaker and offers audiences great insights into current affairs and politics.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Michael Portillo speaks on a wide range of topics and audiences find him highly entertaining. He also makes an authoritative and engaging chairperson who establishes a good rapport with any audience.