

Legendary India batter Virat Kohli has announced his immediate retirement from Test cricket.

His decision comes before this summer's five-Test tour of England, which starts on 20 June, and follows captain Rohit Sharma's retirement on Wednesday.

Kohli, 36, has played 123 Tests for India and scored 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85.

"It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket," Kohli posted on social media.

"Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on. It's tested me, shaped me, and taught me lessons I'll carry for life."

Kohli retired from T20 internationals in 2024, after India's World Cup victory, but is expected to continue playing one-day internationals.

After making his Test debut against West Indies in 2011, Kohli went on to captain India in 68 of his Tests, with his 40 wins in charge making him the country's most successful leader in the format.