



# Leonardo DiCaprio

Well known as an award-winning actor, Leonardo DiCaprio has also worked tirelessly as an environmental campaigner for nearly two decades.

He is a UN Ambassador for Climate Change, and has devoted half of his website to environmental issues.

Born into a poor neighbourhood of Los Angeles, he remained close to both his ('hippy') parents after they separated, and he has often thanked them publicly. 'I'm completely indebted to them in every single way. They listened to their kid saying, "This is what I want to do," and they supported me unconditionally.'

Age	Life event
0	Born on <b>November 11, 1974, in LA</b> . His pregnant mother <b>Irmelin</b> chose his name because he first kicked as she admired a Leonardo da Vinci painting.
1	Parents separated. Leo lived mostly with his German mother.
3	Tap-danced on stage at a concert <b>his father, George</b> , took him to, when the band was late to appear.
5–17	Appeared in 40 TV adverts and TV serials.



- 16 Left school and had his film debut in Critters 3 in 1991.
- 18 Starred in This Boy's Life with **Robert De Niro**.
- 19 Received the first of his six Best Actor Oscar nominations for What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, starring with **Johnny Depp**.
- 22 **Leomania** began after his role as Romeo to **Clare Danes'** Juliet in Baz Luhrmann's Romeo and Juliet.
- 23 Became world famous after starring with **Kate Winslet** in Titanic.
- 24 Founded the **Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation** in 1998, to support environmental causes.
- 26–31 Dated Brazilian model **Gisele Bündchen**, the second of seven model girlfriends so far.
- 26 Hosted **Earth Day** summit on global warming in 2000.
- 28 Starred in Catch Me If You Can, directed by **Steven Spielberg**.
- 29–33 Wrote and produced The 11th Hour, an **environmental documentary**.
- 39 Donated **\$15 million** to **World Wildlife Fund**, part of a total of over **\$70 million** given to conservation projects.
- 40 Played the fur trapper Hugh Glass in The Revenant, for which he finally received his first Oscar for Best Actor in 2016.
- 41 Spoke at the **World Economic Forum** in Davos in 2016, receiving the Crystal Award for artists committed to improving the state of the world.



## Quotes

'I never got the urge to ... rebel ... nothing would have shocked my parents.'

'one of the wisest men I've ever met'

'it was the most fun I've ever had'

'I've been to the Amazon, and people with no clothes on know about that film.'

'I believe mankind has looked at climate change as if it were a fiction.'

'it was the most difficult film I've ever done'