

SOPHIA

LOREN





Sophia Loren was born on September 20, 1934, as Sofia Scicolone in Rome, Italy. She was raised in poverty by her single mother in Puzzuoli, near Naples. She joined a beauty pageant in 1950 and was recognized by film producer Carlo Ponti, who took her under his wing. She began acting in minor roles in films with his support and coaching, and her first important appearance was in filmmaker Vittorio De Sica's *The Gold of Naples* in 1954. Ponti told her to learn English which could help her land a spot in Hollywood. 68 years later, she was named by the American Film Institute as one of the greatest female stars of Classical Hollywood cinema! In 2020, Sophia Loren returned to cinema after an 11-year absence. Today, Sophia who is 87 years old lives in Geneva, Switzerland!

SOPHIA LOREN ON ITALY

"I am very close to where I was born so for me it's always Naples," Loren said, "Even though I've seen it so many times, it's incredible, each time I pretend it's the first time because you discover things that maybe sometimes you didn't know to exist." Pozzuoli, a city a few miles west of Naples, stands out as a must-see to her "It's not where I was born, but it's where I spent my childhood," she said. Loren has been the fleet godmother of MSC Cruises since 2003. MSC Cruises is a Swiss-Italian global cruise line with headquarters in Geneva.



ITALY ON SOPHIA LOREN



Known as la Loren to most Italians, Sophia Loren is a gem of Italy for more than one reason. Because of her work, for which she garnered several awards and acclaim across the world; and because of her stunning, captivating, iconic beauty, and grace over the decades. She also had a long-lasting marriage, a little gossip around it, two children, a life committed to the art of movies, and that unwavering love for her country that she emits whenever she speaks about it.

SOPHIA LOREN THROUGH THE DECADES!



50s



60s



70s



80s



90s



SOPHIA LOREN THROUGH THE DECADES!



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2010s



2020s



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