

WWE legend Nikki Bella in shock retirement aged 35 after 12-year career in wrestling

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American stunner admitted she is "too old for the travel" and will now focus on her businesses outside of the squared circle.

NIKKI BELLA has announced her shock retirement from WWE, aged 35.

The American star revealed she is "too old for the travel" as she called time on her career in the ring after 12 incredible years.

Nikki Bella made WWE debut on SmackDown in 2008

Nikki Bella was in a relationship with fellow WWE legend John Cena

Bella has followed in the footsteps of twin sister Brie - who also confirmed her retirement earlier this month.

Speaking about her decision, the 35-year-old said: "The [European] tour was good but I feel like I'm too old for the travel, the travel was really rough.

"I was like, why am I doing this? I don't feel good. The girls are doing amazing things over there.

"I really am ready to hang up the jersey, I can say it fully."

Bella, real name Stephanie Nicole Garcia-Colace, is now expected to spend her time focusing on her other business interests including her wine label and clothing brand.

She added: "Being on the European tour, I've had a lot of time to think. Just how my body feels, being away from my company, how time consuming this is.

"It's making me realise I am ready to fold the jersey and put it away.

"I'm ready to put the kicks aside and I'm ready too take Nikki Bella into a different direction."

She signed for the WWE in June 2007 before her debut on SmackDown in November 2008.

Bella went on to win the WWE Divas Championship twice and was known for her feuds with AJ Lee and Paige.

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