

Capturing Disney Parks presents **DISNEY ICON SPOTLIGHT**

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In this series of Q&A's, Capturing Disney Parks introduces you to some of the biggest and most iconic Disney Parks fans sharing the magic on their social media, video platform, blog, vlog, podcast, or website. Questions by Niels van Eijkelenburg.

Q 01 | THE ICON

Please introduce yourself to our readers.

My name is Michiel Veenstra, 42 years old. I run a website (D-Log) and podcast (D-Tales), both in Dutch. I'm also the Dutch in-park voice for all the announcements at Disneyland Paris.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

Which Disney Parks have you experienced, and which one do you consider your 'home' Park?

I've been to all the American parks and visited Disneyland Paris too many times to count. Paris is my home park.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

Together with two friends I run the site D-Log (<https://www.d-log.nl>). This is mainly the home of our weekly podcast, D-Tales (<https://www.d-log.nl/series/d-tales>).

Q 04 | THE FORMAT

Tell us something about the format of your online platform(s), how it all started, which Disney Parks you cover, and why you love to put such a lot of effort in those activities.

D-Tales is the only Disney podcast in Dutch. It started in March 2016 after the three of us really got hooked on a whole lot of American Disney podcasts when all of a sudden, we were wondering why nobody ever started one in Dutch. I work in radio, so I already had a decent microphone for recording, the other two got their own after just one show. We cover everything Disney, but mainly the parks. The amount of love and support we get from our listeners keeps on amazing me. We really make this podcast as one big team!

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

As a young boy I started reading the Dutch Donald Duck weekly magazine, which every now and then wrote something about the American parks. They always struck me, these magical places, but they were so far away! Then the 90's arrived, and they started building Disneyland Paris, or Euro Disney as it was called then. Donald Duck magazine really started to write lots about what to expect from this new park and I just knew I HAD to go there. It took until 1996 before I first visited, and I fell in love straight away. Everything, from design to rides to Cast Member service, exceeded my expectations!

Q 06 | THE TRIPS

How many times/days a year do you visit Disney Parks (estimate)? And how many days are most of your trips?

I used to own an Annual Pass for Disneyland Paris. But now that I am a father of two, we focus on family trips, mostly one or two times a year. We visit the parks for three days on most occasions.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

Please name your favorite Disney attractions, parades, or shows.

In Disneyland Paris, I love "Big Thunder Mountain", it's the best version of 'em all. Our former nighttime show "Disney Dreams" also was the best I've ever seen. On an international scale, I never miss out on "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom", "Radiator Springs Racers", "Expedition Everest", "Tower of Terror" and "Toy Story Mania".

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

What's your most memorable Disney Parks moment? Tell us all about it please!

A few times I was so lucky to broadcast my radio show from Disneyland Paris. We got to enter the parks hours before opening to set up our gear and on the evening itself - it was Halloween - I had my radio studio inside the Gibson Girl on Main Street USA. Magic!

Q 09 | THE TIP

Do you have a tip or advise - about anything Disney Parks related - to share with our readers?

Prepare yourself! Know what you want to do, where you want to eat, make reservations in advance - do your homework. When visiting an American park, I always use the Touring Plans crowd calendar to determine which day to go.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

Make your choice! You have to choose one...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mickey | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Characters | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attractions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Star Wars | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parades | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nighttime spectaculars |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-site hotel | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-site hotel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Pass | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ticket |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animation | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-action |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pins | or | <input type="checkbox"/> TsumTsums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early morning visits | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evening visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PhotoPass | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FastPass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Sparrow | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Captain Hook |

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me (Niels van Eijkelenburg, Capturing Disney Parks)?

What time does the 3 o'clock parade start?

Niels: *Am I in a Cast Member training session?*

THE END

I would like to thank Michiel Veenstra for participating in this Q&A series. Hope you've enjoyed this episode. Until next time and have a magical day!



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