

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 Jean. I live in France at one hour away (by train) from Disneyland Paris. I'm finishing my medicine studies and I'm a big Disney fan! I do my best to share some good vibes every day on Instagram with my Disney posts. It's a good way to stay connected with the child I was (and that's important, right?).



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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 only experienced Disneyland Paris, so that's my 'home' park. But I dream of discovering all the Disney Parks! I think my first Disney trip outside France will be Walt Disney World, but I want to discover Tokyo Disney Resort and Disneyland so badly too ...

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

You can find me on Instagram [@johncolor](#). I share my passion for Disneyland Paris, my funniest adventures and my travels. But most importantly, this platform is a place of exchange and meetings for me. It's an amazing pleasure to share and discuss things with people from all over the world. I made and met a lot of friends thanks to this account.

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.

When I started my medicine studies, I was confronted with living alone and competition. It was difficult and I was afraid of growing up too quickly. I didn't want to become someone who I didn't like. I needed to stay connected with who I was and I started to have more and more Disney moments in my life. I realized that I was not the only one, and that we all need more kindness and colors in our daily lives. My Instagram has been created to share that with the world. To offer people a sweet escape to Disneyland Paris or beautiful landscapes.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

I discovered Disneyland Paris in 1996 and it was love at first sight! I was amazed by its beauty and by the joy that reigned there. Moreover, I was lucky to be able to dance with Esmeralda and ...wow! It was just amazing, wonderful, incredible ... My grandmother was a big Disney fan. It was her who made me love this universe so much, but she has never been able to visit this place. So, I have a thought for her each time I go there.

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?

It's really hard to estimate! I think I go there 5 days a month, so about 60 days a year (OMG! That's a lot!). Generally, I go there for one day but sometimes I stay at Disneyland Paris for 2 or 3 days.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

It's really hard to choose! My favorite attractions are "Big Thunder Mountain", "Tower of Terror" and "Peter Pan's Flight". But I'm more focused on parades and shows. Actually, I'm living for it! My current favorite show is "Mickey and the Magician". But I loved "The Starlit Princess Waltz" very much, just like fireworks show "Disney Dreams", which both have ended now. I hope they'll get back one day.



Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

My most memorable moment at Disneyland Paris is a visit to the "Sleeping Beauty Castle Suite". This room is in the Disneyland Hotel, at the park entrance. From this place you have an amazing view over Disneyland Paris and Main Street USA. When I was a child, in Disney VHS and advertisements, Mickey welcomed people from this place to show you his wonderful kingdom. I became a child again when I saw it in real life.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Enjoy and take your time. It's a good thing to plan your visit, especially if you don't go often. But just think about some shows you really want to see and some attractions you really want to ride. Most often, the best thing is just to walk around, enjoy the atmosphere and be surprised!

The best advice I can give is to download the app. It's really well done. It has all the schedules you need and also the waiting times.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animation | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live-action |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early morning visits | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening visits |
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Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Firstly, Thank you so much for this portrait. I'm so honored! My question is: What does Disney represent for you? And why is it important for you?

Niels: *You're welcome Jean. Interesting question! Well, I'm a huge film fan for many years now. I love storytelling, fairytales, fantasy, science fiction, impressive stunts, powerful soundtracks, stunning visual effects, strong emotions etc. It's great to lose yourself in a story, to visit different worlds, and leave reality for a while. And that's what Disney (including Pixar, Lucasfilm and Marvel) does very well in their films. And in their theme parks, of course! So, Disney represents a universe of discoveries for me. And that's important for me as I want to get amazed all the time and to have the opportunity to disconnect from the busy everyday life.*

THE END

I would like to thank Jean 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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