

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.

Well, hello there! I am Emeline, also known as [@mycrazydisneyadventures](https://www.instagram.com/mycrazydisneyadventures) on Instagram. As my 'alias' says, you can follow my crazy Disney adventures on my Instagram page together with my love Laurens ([@dlp_katsjoe](https://www.instagram.com/dlp_katsjoe)). I am Belgian and 25 years old (26 on the 26th of June).



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I am a foodie too (love food, cooking and just EATING) and I love cats. Like A LOT! I'm also really into space and was working a little while on space food. I still dream of working on it, but for now, it's not really my focus in life. Although I do work in the food industry... So, who knows! Maybe one day, never say never right... Because if you can dream it, you can do it.

Apart from those things, I also love Disney (obviously) and I really love Marvel too within the Disney universe. To close this question; here are some random thoughts/facts about me:

- Don't ask me to choose between Mickey & Minnie Mouse because I can't!
- I love the old Disney movies actually more than the live-actions (so far, I don't dislike them, I just like animation better... so far), but maybe that's because I watched the animation movies over and over and over and over.... again. Actually, I still know some movies by heart... So, imagine how many times I watched them! It just brings back the 'Hakuna Matata' feelings... You all know what that means! ;-)
- I am right-handed and footed (if that is the right way to say so).
- My shoe size depends on the brand, because I have VERY small feet too. (Sometimes I have 38 or 39 or even 40...)
- I don't like needles and talk all the time about nonsense until the doctor finished taking blood (Sorry Doc...).
- I don't watch horror movies because my sleep is too precious. And no, I don't like drama either. I have the feeling I want to throw up when I see drama movies... Just give me a good comedy! Or Marvel (that's another kind of 'drama' to me, haha). The

only 'drama' kind of movie I do like is "The Notebook", because I don't know. It's different, how it's told, I think.

- I am Belgian. So yes, I love fries. And sorry, I do not call them French fries. They are fries, just FRIES... And I also love Italian / Mediterranean food.
- I love (warm) hugs! ;-)

Let's stop there, because I can go on forever, haha... :)

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

Well, the only Disney Park I visited so far is Disneyland Paris. It's also not that far, so we can easily go for just one day, which makes the feeling of 'coming home' even stronger every time we go. But I really hope to visit Walt Disney World one day. It's on my bucket list!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

[@mycrazydisneyadventures](#) on Instagram. I post photos, videos and I am also very active on my Instagram Stories while at Disneyland Paris. I'm planning to be more active on IGTV with some nice videos and 'categories'. Not really seen before too... ;-)

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.

My Instagram account is about Disneyland Paris, but also about other Disney-like things or events. Such as Disney On Ice, new Disney movies coming out, Disney theater shows, merchandise in the Parks but also from Primark for example, conventions with Disney actor Q&A's (such as Facts in Ghent) and so on...

I love photography too and was following many other people already with a truly beautiful Disney-Instagram. So, the thought of making one myself was first kind of ridiculous. I thought: Why would you do it when there are already so many people doing it, how can you make the difference? But right before I decided to make the account I thought I just want to do that. I love making pictures. I want to share my passion for Disney. I want to inform people of what is going on at Disneyland Paris. What is being sold where. And which events are going on in and outside Disneyland Paris. So, there I did it! Haha! Just like that. And I thought: I just see what happens next. At the same time I have sort of an online photo album for myself too.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

As a child I always loved Disney, but I never had the chance to visit Disneyland Paris back then (I bet it was actually a smart move from my parents, since I am going really wild at Disneyland Paris, haha). My love gave my very first visit to Disneyland Paris as a gift for my 24th birthday. We stayed at the Newport Bay Club hotel back then and I will never forget my first visit ever. I remember when I left, I was watching the "Tower of Terror" from far away on the highway and was saying 'goodbye Disneyland Paris'. After a few months we booked our second trip, and then a few months later we booked a third trip and bought our annual pass. Shortly after that, I decided to create my Disney-Instagram account. There is always something new to see or to do in Disneyland Paris and I just never get tired of going there! It's a kind of magic... Or a 'Disney Virus'...

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 lost count actually! Let's say... 2 times per month or so... Some months only 1 time, some months 3 times... Let's go for at least 20 times per year! :D Every time we go it's 2 days. But last months we also had a lot of 1-day trips... Maybe I should change 20 times per year to at least 30 times a year, haha.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

Pirates of the Caribbean, Phantom Manor, Buzz Lightyear Laser Blast. I wish I could say "Space Mountain" and "Rock 'n' Rollercoaster" because I hear many people saying these are the best, but I get sick on those and I hate that I do... Because I know I miss a lot of fun. But despite that, there is plenty of other things I can do at Disneyland Paris. My favorite parade definitely is the "Stars on Parade" and my favorite show is "Mickey & the Magician" in Walt Disney Studio Park. There is also another show I really miss, and that is the "Starlit Princess Waltz". I loved it so so SO MUCH!!! I still hope they will bring it back one day. And one show really makes my heart skip a beat, "Disney Illuminations"! Save the best for last they said. Well, they did!



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Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

The first time I have been there is still fresh to me, and I remember the feeling I experienced when I saw "Disney Illuminations" for the first time. I could not believe my eyes; I had never seen something like this before. So beautiful, the fireworks, the music-mix, the strong projectors which make the castle come to life and really take you in a trance like only Disney can do! I had tears in my eyes, and my heart raced. I felt happy, alive and so lucky to experience this with my love. The second time I had this feeling (although I've seen it so many times) was with my parents next to me. We took them on a trip with us, since they hadn't experienced Disneyland Paris either until that moment. I felt like this again, because they also love Disney very much, so it felt like the first time again for me too! (Yes, you could say it's in my DNA.)

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Plan your days as good as possible. If you stay at a Disney Hotel at Disneyland Paris and you want to make the most out of your day(s): Get up early and make sure you are at the entrance of the park when the Magic Hours start. You can do A LOT of attractions and meetups already during the Magic Hours, without long waiting lines! So, you have more time to do other character meet-ups and shows during the day. And don't forget about Fast Pass!

Also take a map at the entrance and read carefully. A lot of great tips can be found on the map! (Such as: Download the Disneyland Paris Park app, so you can see online where you are in the park, how long the lines are for attractions etc.).

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Pass | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animation | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pins | or | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Sparrow | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Hook |

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Will you fill in this interview for me? I'm curious about you too, haha! What's your favorite food by the way?

Niels: *That's a great question! And I'm happy to publish my personal spotlight sometime. My favorite food? Asian, like sushi or satay.*

THE END

I would like to thank Emeline 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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