

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.

Hello! My name is Delphine and I'm 28 years old. Disneyland Paris pass holder since 2015 but I've been going there since I was a little girl, because I live only 30 minutes from Disneyland Paris (by car). I love the park since I first discovered it: so many details, so much to see... It has a great place in my heart.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

To date, I have only experienced Disneyland Paris. It's my home park and I can totally say that it's my second home. I will soon discover Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, and I can't wait to walk in Walt Disney's footsteps.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

You can find me on Instagram ([@blondie.bird](https://www.instagram.com/blondie.bird)), on my blog (<https://blondiebirdsbubble.wordpress.com/>) and soon on YouTube, but it's only a project for the moment.

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 first decided to start an Instagram page, “Blondie.Bird” wasn’t my first nickname. It was “Disneylpsecrets” because I wanted to share all secrets and details we can find at Disneyland Paris with the world. It was so much fun to share and talk to people about my favorite details and secrets. But due to plagiarism from other pages, I decided to make my page a slightly more personal account to share my Disneyland Paris adventures with a community that has the same interests as me.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

It would be so easy to answer ‘since forever’, but I can’t. My real love for Disneyland Paris started in 2015. I was in a bit of a difficult time in my life and, on a whim, I decided to take an annual pass. I went there alone for the first time and had the feeling of re-discovering the park. No pressure, no ‘I paid for my day I have to make the most out of it’. It was on this day that I really discovered how much detail there was, and I really fell in love with the park. Also, I was able to combine my passion for photography with this extremely photogenic park. What more could I ask for?

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 answer. I can only estimate. Around one time a week. So, approximately 52 times a year! As I live next door, my visits are limited to one day, except in exceptional cases.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

In Walt Disney Studios Park, my favorite attractions are “RC Racer” and the “Hollywood Tower Hotel”. My favorite shows are “Mickey and the Magician” and “Mickey’s Christmas Big Band”.

In Disneyland Park, my favorite attractions are “Star Tours” and “Phantom Manor”. My favorite parade is the “Disney Stars on Parade”. And my favorite shows are “Jungle Book Jive”, “Pirates & Princesses” and the “Halloween Cavalcade”.

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Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

I have two. My first most memorable moment was the first time I took my 2-years-old goddaughter to the parks, because the sparkles in her eyes on that day were the most beautiful thing I remember, and I will cherish it forever. And the second, more recently, was in Frontierland. I was doing a live video on Instagram with Instagram friends and Pluto came out from nowhere to spend some time with us. He took our phone and left with it to film his friends Minnie, Donald, Daisy and Goofy for our Instagram live. We had so much fun that day!

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Always take time to plan your trip, before you go to Disneyland Paris. BUT don't hesitate to change your plans if the day doesn't go as planned due to heavy crowds or setbacks. You wanted to ride Big Thunder Mountain around 10 am but the queue is too long? Take a Fast Pass or come back during the parade (if you don't want to watch it) or just before closing time. Want to watch a show or a parade? Be aware of the schedules and do not hesitate to come in advance (between 30 minutes and one hour depending on the show) to be well placed and be sure to see it. Also be aware of the weather before you come to Disneyland Paris because a cold and rainy day can ruin your experience if you are not prepared (coat, umbrella, ...).

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

First of all: Thank you so much for this portrait! I am really honored! And my question is: What does a perfect day at Disneyland Paris look like to you?

Niels: *Ideally the weather is sunny, but not too hot, and with low crowds. But that seems to be quite a unique combination ;-)* But above all, it's a day with time to easily stroll through the parks and choose rides, shows or other entertainment on the spot. Take some breaks to enjoy a cupcake or preferably some beautifully themed food. I also prefer a buffet or table service dinner, to rest for a while and get some 'higher quality' food. I love the Coke floats from Annette's and Planet Hollywood. Would be great if Disney started to sell floats like that in the parks itself too.

THE END

I would like to thank Delphine 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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