

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 Matthew Krul, and I'm the founder and host of Imagineer Podcast. Aside from being a lifelong fan of all things Disney, I'm also a former Cast Member who worked at "Kilimanjaro Safaris" and Disney Vacation Club.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

I consider Disney's Animal Kingdom my 'home' park only because I used to work there. Otherwise, I feel most at home when I'm at Epcot. I have been to all four theme parks at Walt Disney World, both parks at Disneyland California, and both parks at Disneyland Paris. I'm hoping to get to Tokyo Disney next!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

Imagineer Podcast is available on all major podcast apps (Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, Podbean, and Google Podcasts). You can find me on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ImagineerPodcast>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/ImagineerPodcast>), TikTok (<https://www.tiktok.com/@imagineerpodcast>) and on Twitter @ImagineerNews (<https://www.twitter.com/ImagineerNews>).

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.

Imagineer Podcast really began as a passion project. I cover all things Disney with the show (including Star Wars, Marvel, Pixar, Disney+, and more). It's my way of expressing my sincere love for the brand and helping others gain a deeper appreciation for everything Disney does for the world.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

It has literally been a lifelong love. My parents first took me to Walt Disney World when I was 4 months old (and every year after) and introduced me Disney movies growing up. I can't think of a particular time when I started loving Disney. It's simply been a part of my core personality.

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?

My trips range from 2 days to 7 days, and I'm fortunate that in the last few years I've been able to travel to Disney 3-5 times annually.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My new favorite attraction is certainly "Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance". The Imagineers have reached the next level in theme park experiences! My favorite nighttime show is "World of Color" at Disney California Adventure Park.

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

I get this question a lot and can never properly answer it because I really have SO many wonderful memories from my Disney trips. One of my favorites, though, was spending my birthday at Walt Disney World with 20 friends and family. We filled an entire boat on "it's a small world" and nearly a full train on "Big Thunder Mountain Railroad".

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Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Disney is like an intricate painting. If you rush through it, you'll miss all the details. On your next Disney trip, try to go explore a part of the parks you never have before or try looking for an attraction you didn't know existed. Perhaps stop and see a live performance on your run to the next thrill ride or try a new restaurant. There is so much to explore, so much that even I haven't seen it all (and I make a habit of doing at least 2 new things every Disney trip, going on 35 Disney trips and 2 internships working in the parks).

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?

When did you first fall in love with Disney?

Niels: *I'm a movie fan since I was young, with a special place for Disney productions (strong storytelling and visually very innovative). My mom took me to local projections of classics like "Bambi" when I was a kid, I watched a lot of animated Disney series on TV in my younger years like "Duck Tales" and "Gummi Bears", while "The Little Mermaid" was my first real cinema experience. Disney books and the weekly Dutch Donald Duck magazine were also part of my childhood. I only discovered my first Disney park (Disneyland Paris) when I was in University. I definitely liked it but the real Disney Parks love started when I visited again with my wife and 1 year old daughter in 2013.*

THE END

I would like to thank **Matthew** 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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