

# 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**

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**Please introduce yourself to our readers.**

I am Maité, I'm 19 years old (turning 20 in June) and I live in Belgium. Next year I will start the third and final year of my studies Business and Languages. I am a huge Disney fan and I absolutely love sharing my passion with my followers. My dream is to work at Disneyland Paris full-time after my studies.



*Pictures provided by Maité*

## **Q 02 | THE PARKS**

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

Disneyland Paris is my home park and the only park I have visited so far. I would love to visit the other parks one day, especially the American ones.

## **Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)**

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**Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?**

I can be found on Instagram @maites\_magicaljourney ([https://www.instagram.com/maites\\_magicaljourney](https://www.instagram.com/maites_magicaljourney)). I Always admired fellow Disney fans with a YouTube channel and would love to have one myself, but I have never found the time and courage to start one.

## Q 04 | THE FORMAT

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**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.**

I started this account last summer in August. My account used to be a private one about my personal life, but as I bought a new annual pass after a year without any visits, I started going to the parks more frequently and I took loads and loads of pictures. Then, a couple of months later I received my first contract at Disney. I worked there for 3 weeks during Halloween as an attraction operator. During this time, I really enjoyed sharing my adventures on Instagram and I started putting more effort in my account. I mostly love sharing my Disney adventures on Instagram because of all the amazing people I have met thanks to the Disney community.

## Q 05 | THE LOVE

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**How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?**

When I was a child my parents took us to the parks almost every 2 years, my real passion started a bit later when I was about 13. We just visited the parks for my brother's birthday, and I started re-watching all movies, started buying loads of merchandise and took a real interest in the parks. A bit later I convinced my parents to buy our first annual passes and this is where my passion for Disney started.

## Q 06 | THE TRIPS

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

I visit the parks every 2/3 weeks. Mostly by car, which is a 3.5/4h drive and sometimes by train which takes around 2h. I usually stay 2 nights, my longest trip was 4 nights.

## Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favorite attraction is "Phantom Manor". I just love the theme and the story behind it. Besides "Phantom Manor", I also love "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Hyperspace Mountain" when I'm in for a thrill. As Halloween is my all-time favorite season, my favorite parade is the "Halloween Cavalcade" ("Vive La Vie"). "Jungle Book Jive" is definitely my second favorite.

## Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

I have loads of amazing and memorable moments at DLP. It is so hard to choose only one but I guess my favorite memory must be meeting my boyfriend Victor for the first time during the Halloween season, because all the other amazing things that happened at the parks include him.

## Q 09 | THE TIP

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

My advice when visiting Disneyland Paris is to take things slow. Wander around, look at all the amazing details, listen to the music of each land, try the amazing food, take it all in... And most of all, enjoy every second of the magic instead of running from one attraction to the other.

## Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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## Q 11 | THE QUESTION

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**Do you have a question for me?**

What is your favorite season at Disneyland Paris?

Niels: *I love all seasons but my favorite is Halloween! I love the autumn colors, the pumpkin decorations, and the "Coco" inspired skeletons in Frontierland. My favorite float of all time is the "Phantom Manor" float from the "Halloween Cavalcade". I love that attraction and this float includes the Phantom itself, Melanie the bride, but also Mickey. The spooky dancers around it are just perfect.*

## THE END

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I would like to thank Maité 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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