

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.

I am an ordinary woman who has been married almost 32 years and I have 2 adult sons. When I enter Disney Parks I am free to be myself with no worries, no responsibilities and no inhibitions. Family, Friendships and Fun are my 3 top priorities in life.



Pictures provided by Liz Read

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

I first experienced Walt Disney World aged 19 and I have been there probably ten times in total now. I discovered Disneyland Paris later on and now it's my favourite park and my home park.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

Run Disney Paris Fans! (Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RunDisneylandParisFans>

Disneyland Paris Chat for Brits (Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1087277631296348>

Fairy Godmother (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MrsLizRead>

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.

I started out as an Admin of a Facebook group which helps people plan their trips to Disneyland Paris. When I heard about Run Disney coming to Disneyland Paris, I set up a new group so that I could find like-minded people who were interested in it. My Run Disney Group now has over 6500 members and it is my main passion and brings me joy. I started my YouTube Channel to record the Inaugural Half Marathon Weekend at Disneyland Paris for myself and my friends. My vlogs became popular and I became better at making them, so the Channel developed over time. The Reason I dedicate myself to my Social Media is because I am a people person. I love to make new friends and I love to help people. Entertaining others and making them smile is my main motivation for being online.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

I was aged 15 and I saw photos from Walt Disney World. It seemed like an impossible dream, but I made it a goal to go there. When I was 19 I worked all summer at a Camp in North Carolina (USA), in order to pay for my travels and I finally visited Walt Disney World and Epcot. That was 1985. It was literally a Dream come true.

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 visit Disneyland Paris about once a month usually, and Walt Disney World about once every two years. I would usually visit DLP for 3 days at a time and Walt Disney World for about 10 days at a time.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favourite Disney attraction is "Tower of Terror". I prefer the one at Hollywood Studios (Walt Disney World) because it takes you through the fifth dimension before you go into the lift shaft.

My favourite parade is "Festival of Fantasy" in Walt Disney World because Jiminy Cricket walks along and he is my favourite Character. It also has a fabulous parade float from "Tangled".

My favourite show is "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show" (Disneyland Paris), because I adore cowboys and I love the participation.

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

Without a doubt it was the Inaugural Half Marathon at Disneyland Paris. Running down Main Street to the cheers of Cast Members with the sun rising over the Castle, everyone dressed in costumes and having fun. That is the moment when I fell in love with Disneyland Paris.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Take your time to sit, look, appreciate, soak up the atmosphere and take in the details. Lose yourself in the Magic. Try a new experience every time you visit the parks as well as your old favourites.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Star Wars | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parades | or | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pins | or | <input type="checkbox"/> TsumTsums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early morning visits | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evening visits |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PhotoPass | or | <input type="checkbox"/> FastPass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Sparrow | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Captain Hook |

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

What would you like to see at Disneyland Paris that does not exist at the moment?

Niels: *So many things! I've heard great stories about "Mystic Manor" (Hong Kong Disneyland). Would love to get that here one day, just like "Flight of Passage" (Walt Disney World). But I would also encourage a park like Animal Kingdom to be added. And if we add more parks and hotels, a monorail system would be really cool too!*

THE END

I would like to thank Liz 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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