

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 everyone, I am Djalishah van Balgooy. Some of you know me as Dutchnut Chronicles at Instagram with my love for Disney and crafting. I love crafting and I have my own crafting studio at home. I am living together with my boyfriend in Geldrop, The Netherlands.



Pictures provided by Ruth

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

Unfortunately, I have visited just one park: Disneyland Paris. That's also my "home park" but I really want to see all the Disney Parks around the globe, when I sold enough craftwork to make this dream come through.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

Mostly at Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/dutchnut_chronicles) and you can find our webshop at www.magical-creations.nl.

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.

At first, I had two accounts, one personal Disney account and one crafting account, but I experienced that having two Instagram accounts doesn't work for me. It's too much work and that's why I put those two together in one account.

I mostly post about Disneyland Paris and my crafting. I did lose a lot of followers when putting the accounts together, but hopefully they will miss me and coming back. Hahah!

I love doing this because I want to bring Disney into the homes of other people who can't go to the park. To give them a smile on their face when they see my pictures or unpack the art that I made for them.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

It all started when I was 8 years old. My mom and her boyfriend took me and my brother to Disneyland Paris. I think it was the second or third year Disneyland Paris was open. I remember that my brother was afraid of Mickey and I thought that was quite funny.

For my first birthday party we went to the movies and I saw "The Little Mermaid" on the big screen. You can guess who's my favorite Princess, right?

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 best friend Ruth and I bought our first annual passes in 2020. From that day on, we tried to visit the park four times a year. But due to COVID-19 we only could go two times that year. Before having an Infinity Pass, my boyfriend and I were going once or twice a year. Mostly with the half marathon weekend, staying for at least five days.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favorite parade of all times is "The Electrical Parade". I am still getting goosebumps when I think about that parade! Unfortunately, it's not coming back anymore. But I wouldn't mind if it would. My second favorite is "Disney Illuminations". And don't forget about the "Mickey And The Magician" Broadway-style musical! These are my three favorites shows and parades.

My favorite attractions are all the dark rides, especially the "Pirates Of The Caribbean" and "The Haunted Mansion" (Phantom Manor). When I am in Disneyland, I MUST do these attractions, otherwise I can't go home. Did I mention that because of that, we missed the last train back to Rotterdam one day? We had to stay in a hotel in Paris du Nord and bought new train tickets. That adventure was € 600... Just for a hotel room and tickets? Hahah! (Lucky for us we laughed about it and saw this as a great adventure. Making memories for when we are older.)

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

That was when I first crossed the finish line when I ran a half marathon at Disneyland Paris in 2017! It was so magical; I never thought I was capable of doing this. And especially not in Disneyland Paris. It was a dream come true because the cast members really made every mile magic. Oh, and the second breakfast after you're finished was really great. After that, we didn't go to the park, but we slept the whole Sunday!

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Yes! Have Milkshake at Victoria's (Disneyland Park), dinner at the buffet restaurant at the Sequoia Lodge (hotel) and have a hamburger at Anette's (Disney Village)!

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

Nooooo.... I can't choose, they're all great!

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

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Not really, I hope that we can meet one day in the parks and we can talk to each other in real life. I just want to say thank you so much for this spotlight! I really love the idea and I think it's an awesome way to get to know more about the parks and the people who love them!
Thank you Niels, you're the best!

Niels: *That would be great Djalisah! Let's hope we can go back to parks soon with limited or no restrictions. Thanks for participating in my Spotlight series!*

THE END

I would like to thank Djalisah 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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