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.

Hey! My name is Violeta, I'm the person behind diseyspotter_es and I'm as much a Disney fanatic as you are, otherwise you probably wouldn't be reading this. My passion for Disney started when I was a little girl. When I was 4 years old, I was lucky enough to travel to EuroDisney, and since then I haven't stopped. But in the last 5 years I have become more Disney addicted. I'm sure that has a lot to do with the appearance of the Disney community on Instagram in my life.



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

By the way, I'm from Spain, and of course, my home park is Disneyland Paris, but I wish Walt Disney World was. At the moment my experienced parks are: Disneyland Paris, Walt Disney World and Disneyland California.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

You can find me on Instagram, @disneyspotter_es (<u>https://www.instagram.com/disneyspotter_es</u>). Everyone is welcome!! But beware, I am not responsible for the need to travel to Disney that my account might cause.

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 remember perfectly how my Instagram account started. Do you remember the Chip mug at Primark? It all started there! I discovered the number of people who liked Disney as much as I did, and I decided to share my passion. I am not going to cheat anyone. I have invested a lot of time in the account, but I do not regret it. Thanks to it I have met many of my current friends and I connect with people from other countries. I love meeting new people! I mainly cover Disneyland Paris and Walt Disney World, since those are the parks that I know most and have traveled most recently to. I love being able to help people with their trips by giving them advice and recommendations, since I use Instagram to prepare my trips (for me the preparation of a trip is part of it). And for many people, the trip to Disney is only done once in a lifetime, and I want them to enjoy it as much as I do when they travel. So, hopefully they will discover that and want to come back to Disney again.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

My love for Disney Parks started with my first trip to Disneyland Paris when I was 4 years old (in 1993). Since then I just wanted to go on vacation to see Mickey. And the truth is that my parents took me quite a few times. Once I was independent and I was able to save money, the trips to Disney became more frequent.

This is my first photo with Mickey:





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

A few years ago, my trip to Disney was in the Christmas season for about 5 days. I love Christmas! But 4 years ago, we started traveling twice a year, in Summer and during Christmas. This year everything has changed. I have finally bought an annual pass and at the end of the year, I made 6 trips to Disneyland Paris in 2022. (And one to California in September. I am very excited for it!)

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favorite attractions in Disneyland Paris are: Big Thunder Mountain, The Tower of Terror, Buzz Lightyear Laser Blast. My favorite parade is the Christmas one, and my favorite show is "Dream and Shine Brighter!" I love everything about this new show; the music, the dance, the costumes...

My favorite attractions in Walt Disney World are: Toy Story Mania, Mickey and Minnie's Runaway Railway, Flight of Passage. My favorite show was "Happily Ever After".

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

My most beautiful memory in a Disney Park was being able to celebrate my birthday at Walt Disney World. I woke up with the room full of balloons, a birthday card from Mickey and his friends, and I also received a call from Mickey to congratulate me. Then we went for breakfast with the characters and they gave me a birthday button. Of course all the characters and Cast Members congratulated me throughout the day.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Enjoy every moment. You don't have to plan everything, let yourself go. Enjoy the preparation of the trip, but then once you arrive, be flexible. Read a lot before you travel, compare the information with people who visit the parks really often, and most important of all, download the park app. And always remember, be the first to enter the park and the last to leave.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

Mickey	or	Donald	
Characters	or	☑ Attractions	
Star Wars	or	🛛 Marvel	

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



Parades	or	Nighttime spectaculars
On-site hotel	or	Off-site hotel
🛛 Annual Pass	or	Ticket
Animation	or	Live-action
🛛 Pins	or	🗌 Nuimo's
Early morning visits	or	Evening visits
PhotoPass	or	Paid direct attraction or show access
☐ Jack Sparrow	or	Captain Hook

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a Disney trip in mind other than Disneyland Paris?

Niels: Well, all Disney Parks worldwide are on the bucket list to visit. I have been to Walt Disney World and I really want to go back. It's a true vacation destination with so many parks, hotel resorts, restaurants, shops, transportation options... I love it! But I would love to see the Asian Parks one day, especially Tokyo DisneySea. And Disneyland Anaheim, the original, of course. For now, no trips have been planned (yet).

THE END

I would like to thank Violeta 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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