

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 Andrew from the Magical Disneyland Paris Podcast. I first visited Disneyland Paris in 2003 on a school trip, ever since then I was hooked! It was because of Space Mountain and "Rock 'n' Rollercoaster" that I conquered my fear of coasters. When not visiting Disneyland Paris, I loved nothing more than watching YouTube videos and listening to podcasts. From a young age I always wanted to work in radio, so I decided to recruit Simon West as a co-host and the rest, as they say, was history.



Pictures provided by Andrew

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

I have only experienced Disneyland Paris (so far) and it is very much my home park. Once my son is a little older, we are planning on visiting Walt Disney World. I do, however, enjoy listening, watching and reading about all other Disney Parks.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

I am most active on Twitter [@MagicalDLP](#) but have accounts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). But of course you need to catch me on the Magical Disneyland Paris Podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Tunein](#), [Stitcher](#) and many, many more. All info can be found on our website www.magicaldlp.co.uk.

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.

As mentioned above, I loved listening to Disney Podcasts, I wanted in on the action and called up Simon West to join me. I love talking about all things Disney Parks, the attractions, the technology and the fun of researching what the Imagineers brought to life is so enjoyable. I tried writing articles, but I didn't enjoy it. Podcasting was the way to go. Being a teacher, I managed to run annual trips to Disneyland Paris for 10 years running. This enabled me to see the park growing year on year, keeping my head fresh and allowing me to try different aspects of the parks. Once my son was old enough, we then started visiting as a family and I experienced a completely different side of the parks.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

From a young age I was watching classic Disney films, mostly Robin Hood. My parents say I watched it daily. I also used to have a sing a-long Disney VHS and remember the "Pirates Of The Caribbean" section where it included footage of the attraction at Disneyland. To me it was the closest I would get to a Disney Park for many years, but this video clip started an interest in Disney Parks. It wasn't until my visit to Disneyland Paris in 2003 until it turned into a passion.

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 have averaged one trip to Disneyland Paris a year for a decade now but for a few years managed two visits. When I visit with school, we only had 2 days in the parks but with the family we like to spend 4-5 days in the parks.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

This is a hard one and changes every trip.

I love "Pirates Of The Caribbean" because of the history, Imagineering and the whole theming.

I love "Space Mountain" as it was my first memory of a Disneyland Paris attraction and one that helped with my fear of coasters.

I love "Disney Dreams" because of the projection mapping! It was an amazing way to present a nighttime spectacular. Fireworks, lasers, music, animation, flames and projections. What a magical mix!

I could go on!

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

There have been so many memorable moments over the years but my absolute favorite in a Disney Park was at the 25th Anniversary celebration at Disneyland Paris on 12th April 2017. Being there to see all of the characters and Cast Members dancing down Main Street USA was amazing, a moment I shared with my family and one I will never forget.

My favorite Disney Parks moment from the Magical Disneyland Paris Podcast was when I got the rare chance to interview Disney Parks legend Eddie Sotto. He was such a great guy and I was in my element talking to him about one of his biggest Disney Parks, Main Street USA. I could go on!

Q 09 | THE TIP

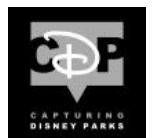
Do you have a tip or advise - about anything Disney Parks related - to share with our readers?

While you still can visit "Café Des Cascadeurs" for the best burgers in Walt Disney Studios Park and the whole of Disneyland Paris.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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THE END

I would like to thank Andrew 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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