

# Capturing Disney Parks presents **DISNEY ICON SPOTLIGHT**

## **Episode 19 | Victor from [victor.dlp.secrets](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvictor.dlp.secrets), [victor.at.dlp](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvictor.at.dlp) & All Around Dreams | May 22, 2019**

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.**

Hi! I am Victor. I live in Paris (France), so just 45 minutes away from Disneyland Paris which is like living a dream! I am currently finishing my last year of high school. I'm getting ready for next year in which I will enter a tourism course in a specialized school. I've been going to Disneyland Paris ever since I was born, in 2002. I love sharing my knowledge about the parks and Disney in general and always look at things in a positive and cheerful way!



*Pictures provided by Victor*

### **Q 02 | THE PARKS**

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

I've only experienced Disneyland Paris, so there's no question about it being my home park. I would love to visit the other Disney parks around the world, but I'm already very lucky and proud to live next to Disneyland Paris cause it's an incredible park!

## Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

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

I can be found on Instagram, answering to the name of [victor.dlp.secrets](#), where I share secrets and stories about the places and attractions of Disneyland Paris (it's all in the name haha). I share my best memories and pictures of the parks via [victor.at.dlp](#). Also, I can be found on YouTube on our family channel called [All Around Dreams](#) where I appear in vlogs and mostly in "Disney News" in which I share news and new information about Disneyland Paris. The channel can also be found on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) under the same name.

## 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.**

For me, it all started on Instagram where I followed a lot of Disney accounts. None of them shared what I wanted to share, so I decided to do it myself. That's how my account about stories and secrets started! I constantly try to improve my photography and writing skills, as I don't want it to be boring or difficult to read. In stories I also do small series, like Marvel recently, where I talk about a particular subject and its history. I cover Disneyland Paris which has many many secrets and stories and some wonderful picture opportunities. I love to put a lot of effort into it because of the community has opened to me and I love what I get back in return on my posts and stories. Every time I put a new secret or a new story about something in the parks, I either get thanked for sharing it. Or people tell me they didn't know before and thank me that they now do. And that's an incredible feeling!

## Q 05 | THE LOVE

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

Well that's the easiest one to answer, haha. It's almost as if I was born in Disneyland Paris! My parents took me from my youngest age. I was educated and raised in a Disney environment and now I've taken that passion and love to a whole new level. I read and study about Disney Parks and anything related to Disney to keep my knowledge growing. I'm going to Disneyland Paris every week, so you could think I'd get tired of it but it's quite the opposite actually. I love it more and more every time! I get so astonished every time by how much details and efforts have been put into theming and making the whole park an experience. The parades, the shows, the characters, the attractions... Disney Parks are unlike anything else in this world and I'll never forget that. That also goes for Disney in general, of course.

## 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 go to Disneyland Paris every week-end with my parents. And since 2018 also when I'm on school holidays, which France has a lot. I go alone or with friends 2-3 times a week. So that's more than 70 times each year I'd say! I usually stay a day or when they are special events I stay onsite and go home the next day, living in Paris is quite easy.

## Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

I've never disliked anything Disneyland Paris has introduced in terms of shows, attractions or parades but I do have my favorites! For the attractions I'd say, "Hyperspace Mountain" (I love the Star Wars version) or "Big Thunder Mountain". I really love the new version of "Phantom Manor" but then again, I could go on about every attraction. In terms of shows, "Disney Illuminations" is a favorite of mine. For daytime shows that's more difficult but I choose "Mickey and the Magician" or "Mickey's Christmas Big Band". Once more, I could talk about every show of every season because I love them all in a different way. And finally, for the parades it's definitely "Disney Stars on Parade" with it's incredible and bigger than life floats and its catchy song that I adore! Whether they are seasonal, nighttime or daily, each parade has been an amazing experience for me, and I can't wait to see what's to come next.

## Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

Oh, wow I have so many amazing memories! Each new season, anniversary or attraction becomes a great memory at Disneyland Paris. But the one that stands out the most is the 12th of April 2017, the day of the 25th anniversary. I had already been blown away by the celebrations of the anniversary, but that day with the opening ceremony and the cavalcade with more than 100 characters was something else! It was like being part of a dream and the atmosphere was one of a special anniversary with smiles and joyful tears on everyone's faces. Disneyland Paris once again did everything they could to make it incredible. I have many more memories to come with new seasons and attractions coming soon and I can't wait for it all.

## 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?**

Except enjoy your day and have fun... no... I'm kidding! I would say that to really have an amazing experience, people should pay more attention to details and the theming around the parks. While waiting in a queue line for instance, look up and all around you to discover a whole new way of looking at the parks. There are so many secrets and details that many people don't notice or know of. You'll truly realize how everything becomes so magical!

## 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?

How did you get the idea for this concept? Because it's an amazing idea and it really is a wonderful thing to share their passion and love for the Disney Parks! I personally feel very honored to be a part of this idea and to be recognized next to some of the big names from earlier episodes. Thank you for giving me this chance and keep sharing so much love in the Disney community!

*Niels: It's my pleasure to have you! I followed a lot of Disney Parks related social accounts from all around the world and I really enjoy listening to Disney Parks focused podcasts. Through those channels, I discovered that there is a huge and extremely passionate Disney Parks community. I wanted to learn more about the people behind those accounts; understand their drive, hear their stories, and get their insights or tips. I also wanted to connect more to the community myself. So, that's why I started thinking of a 'standard' but interesting format that is relatively easy to maintain besides spending time with family and friends, work, visiting the parks and keeping my Instagram and Twitter accounts up-to-date.*

## THE END

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I would like to thank Victor 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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