

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 Maureen and I am the creator of Hello Disneyland, one of the top Disney blogs in France. You may also know me as a Disney Influencer from my Youtube Channel or Instagram account: Hello Maureen. Or maybe, you have read one of my posts on Inside the Magic.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

My home park is definitely Disneyland Paris as I know it for so many years now. I am also a Disneyland Paris Annual Passholder since 2007. Obviously, as a fan, I wanted to see other Disney Parks and so far, I have been to Walt Disney World twice and to Tokyo Disney Resort twice too.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

I am litterally EVERYWHERE ahah!

My favorites one is Instagram ([@hello.maureen](#) and [@hello.disneyland](#)) but you can also reach me on Facebook ([Hello Disneyland](#)), YouTube ([Hello Maureen](#)), Twitter ([@hellodisneyland](#)) and of course, my blog: <https://www.hellodisneyland.com/>

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.

Oh ... Do you have an hour? Because this one is gonna be long!

It all started one day at lunch, when I was a web designer in a big TV media tech service. One of my colleagues asked me "Why don't you do a Disney blog? After all, you spend your life at Disney!". So, I did it. That is how Hello Disneyland was born. Pretty fun isn't it?

Then, I created the Facebook page, because at that time it was a must do (it is still now, but you have other ways to share information too). While the blog was a huge success, 2 years later I did my first vlog, just to 'taste the water' as we say. It took me one whole year to decide to be a real vlogger. So, I always say that my YouTube channel only started Summer 2017. Since then, I post at least one video a week. Then the Hello Disneyland Instagram account was created and began to grow, and at the end of 2017, I also created the Hello Maureen Instagram account. It is supposed to be where I share the backstage of my life as a Disney Influencer.

Oh, all of this became my main job during Summer 2017. I am now fully dedicated to my blog and social media accounts. Although it is not always easy, I am so proud to live my dream every single day!

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

I guess I have always been a Disney girl. As a baby girl, my mum already made me wear Disney clothes. I remember having a huge "Snow White" poster in my room and the Disney movie was a Christmas tradition. Every year we went to the movies to see it! But I have only been to Disneyland Paris as a teenager, as it was too far and too expensive for my family at that time. It is funny that today we cannot spend a year without going to Disneyland Paris ...

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?

Nope, that is an impossible question ahah! I am ALWAYS at Disneyland Paris and even more since this is part of my job ... So, I guess, I would say I am at DLP at least 2 times a month and I try to visit a foreign Disney Park once a year, although I did not go this year ...

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Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favorite attraction at Disneyland Paris is “Peter Pan’s Flight”. But I am also a huge fan of “Big Thunder Mountain” and “it’s a small world”.

My favorite parade is currently is “Jungle Book Jive”, even if I am insanely in love with “Disney Stars on Parade” or the “Disney Once Upon a Dream Parade” from the 15th anniversary.

And my favorite show ... nope, can’t choose. That’s not fair. I am now in love with “The Lion King: Rhythms of the Pride Lands” but I can’t wait to see Ursula on stage this fall for Halloween!

Can I write about my favorite park too? Tokyo Disney Sea is the most beautiful park I have ever seen but Epcot remains my favorite one as it represents Walt Disney’s last project and it has been a dream for me to visit for so many years ... It is the best place to eat and drink of course, but it also reminds me how the world changes through the year as Epcot rides already had so many versions ... And “Soarin” is the best Disney ride ever, which is in Epcot. So, you have to try it!

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

It is for sure the 25th anniversary D-Day: April 12, 2017. I was not supposed to be there, but I decided to go last minute with my brother. We did not do a lot of attractions; the park was so crowded that day, but it was amazing. A real Disney bubble. The energy was insane, people were all happy to share this moment. I saw guests who were there at the opening in 1992 who came back! And the cavalcade was incredible. I don’t remember having a single negative feeling that day even though the lines were endless, and characters meet & greets full ... I think some years will pass before I’ll have this feeling again.



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Q 09 | THE TIP

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

If you want any tip or advice regarding Disneyland Paris; to choose the best food, the best rides and shows, the best everything you want to do, just go to hellodisneyland.com, as that's exactly why I created it 5 years ago. To help you having the best time at Disneyland Paris!

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Characters | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attractions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Star Wars | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvel |
| <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> PhotoPass | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FastPass |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Sparrow | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Hook |

THE END

I would like to thank Maureen 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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