

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.

Hi! Here I am: Bastien, I'm 23. I have multiple passions but mainly Disney and animals. I grown up with the Disney universe in my family. My favorite character is Peter Pan since I was a child. But I also love "The Little Mermaid", that's why Ariel is my favorite mermaid and Ursula... my favorite quee... villain! Really, isn't she the most fabulous? Well, I also love cosplaying Disney characters during Disney parties. My mom and I made my outfits for events since my childhood until now. When I'm not in a Disney park, I work with wild animals as a zookeeper. I worked hard during so many years to reach this dream goal! An ultimate dream would be to reunite my two passions, like an Animal Kingdom (Walt Disney World) park in the Disneyland Paris resort.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

The only parks I've experienced are the parks of the Disneyland Paris resort (Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park). I used to live 800 km away from the parks for several years, but a low-cost train helped me to go to Disneyland Paris quite often. Now I can go there more often. I really would like to visit other Disney Parks, especially Walt Disney World Resort and Tokyo Disney Sea. Well, my 'home' is the Disneyland Park in Paris!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

My only Disney fan platform is Instagram under the handle @sea.bastien (<https://www.instagram.com/sea.bastien>). This is the place where I share my passion for Disney and photography. I love to share the magic from Disney parks, especially Disney characters. The thing I like to share most is pictures from shows and parades, but also meetings. I also have a brand where I make Disney designs. (<https://www.redbubble.com/people/pixyclothes>).

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.

In the beginning it was an Instagram account like any other, without a goal, sharing things of my life. When I went back to Disneyland Paris with my aunt in January 2015, my passion for Disney parks really began. I went back again in June with my sister and then in July, September, October... I bought my first annual pass in June 2015. So, I started to post photos from my stays. A year later, I bought a (so much) better camera and my passion for photography became stronger. On my account I only share pictures (for the moment) of the French Disney parks. I am very proud of my account. I just want to share my passion and interact with my followers. I'm happy when I get positive feedbacks in comments for example. Taking pictures and posting them to the account takes time. So, I'm grateful for all the followers. It's like a reward when the people love my pictures and my account!

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

As I wrote earlier, I came back to Disneyland Paris in January 2015 (after more than 6 years not going) and I never wanted to leave again. So, now is my 4th annual pass and my 5th year I come to Disneyland Paris! The Disney universe is a passion since my childhood and I love to meet characters. So, that's how my love for Disney parks started. I'm more into meets and shows than attractions.

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?

From 2015 to 2018, I was living 800 kilometers away from the parks, so I was visiting Disneyland Paris once a month, or every two months, for several days. So, around 20 days/year during this period. Since 2019, I'm living like 20 minutes away from the kingdom. Now I go to the parks like 1 or 2 times a week. So, I go there three times more than before!

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

I think my favorite attraction is "Peter Pan's Flight" as my favorite world is Neverland! But I also love "Big Thunder Mountain" (but it's often too busy) and "Pirates of the Caribbean". I really loved the Halloween parade from 2004/2005, when Ursula was on there. My heart goes to the "Disney Magic On Parade" because that was the daily parade when I started to go often to the parks! As for the shows; there are too many shows to choose just one. But I really loved "Royal Christmas Wishes", "Welcome To Spring" and Halloween shows "It's Good To Be Bad" and "Are You Brave Enough?". But, for me, one of the best shows of Disneyland Paris is "Mickey & The Magician" for so many aspects!

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

There are so many memorable moments! Like the Disney day with my mom after more than 10 years, a dancing/playing session with Ursula on the castle's bridge, so much hugs during the "Magic On Parade" ... Or some of the amazing meetings with my favorite characters like playing a quiz with Peter Pan, stealing Ariel's voice for fun, Edna saying NO CAPES to me...And SO MUCH more! And of course, sharing all the magic with my friends.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

If you don't go that often to a Disney park, give priority to the characters and shows during the day, and wait until the end of the parade to go to the attractions (if the park's closing hour permits it). Many people leave the park after the parade, so the queue lines get shorter at the attractions. Of course, it's always better to avoid weekends and holidays, but everybody knows that ;-)

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Star Wars | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parades | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Nighttime spectaculars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site hotel | or | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early morning visits | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening visits |

- PhotoPass or FastPass
 Jack Sparrow or Captain Hook

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Why don't you post any photos of yourself on Instagram? :-)

Niels: Well, my main goal is to inform and inspire people who are planning their Disneyland Paris or Walt Disney World trip, or to let people relive their visit(s) to those Disney Parks. But... I have posted pictures of myself before. There's even a 'highlight category' on the top of my account dedicated to pictures with me in it. Again, it's not the main goal of my account to share pictures of myself, but I will post one every now and then! :-)

THE END

I would like to thank Bastien 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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