

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, my name is Joshua or Josh. I'm 26 years old and I live on the West coast of France, which is a 4h30 drive from Disneyland Paris. I have been a Cast Member for 1 year now. That was a dream come true after many years of struggle, but I never gave up since 2015. I'm a Disney fan since I was a child and I have visited the parks in 2017 for the first time, after 24 years waiting. After reading a lot of books about Disney and the parks, I have become sort of a Disney Connoisseur through time, and I learn new things every day. Since my arrival at Disneyland Paris I have encountered 150 different characters in both parks, which is a big achievement for me.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

To be honest, I haven't been to any other Disney Parks. So, I only know Disneyland Paris at this moment. If I had to choose a Park to visit outside Europe, it would be Disneyland in Anaheim (California, USA) because it was the first Disney Park ever created!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

I love sharing my passion with the Disney fan community through Instagram with my account @josh.lantern (<https://www.instagram.com/josh.lantern>).

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.

Well, my online platform covers Disneyland Paris. Thanks to Instagram I have met a lot of amazing people who believe in me and share the same passion. No matter age, ethnic group, language, religion or gender. Some of them have become true friends.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

My online platform started to grow when I became Cast Member at Disneyland Paris during my 25th anniversary. I decided to share my adventures with the Disney community. Originally my love for Disney Parks began in 2012 during the 20th anniversary of Disneyland Paris. I've started reading books and watching documentaries about the resort to learn as much as possible.



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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?

Originally, I went to Disneyland Paris during the Summer of 2017 after saving a lot of money for a 4-day trip. I returned unexpectedly for 1 day during the Christmas season. After that, since April 2018 - the day I became a Cast Member - I have stopped counting my visits in the parks, haha.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favorite attractions are the "Hollywood Tower Hotel" and "Phantom Manor". My favorite parade so far was the Halloween Parade of 2018 and "Mickey And The Magician" is my favorite show.

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

My first most memorable moment in Disneyland Paris was my first meet and greet with Mickey Mouse. Mickey was my first official character and I can tell you it was very moving after seeing him only on book covers or in TV documentaries.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Before you arrive at Disneyland Paris - if it's your first time - ask as many questions as possible to your friends, family, or social networks about Disneyland Paris. They will be very happy to help and answer you with tips and must do's.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mickey | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Characters | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Attractions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star Wars | or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parades | or | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early morning visits | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening visits |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PhotoPass | or | <input type="checkbox"/> FastPass |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Sparrow | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Hook |

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Thank you very much for this portrait Niels! What is your top 10 of character meet and greets in Disneyland Paris?

Niels: *You're welcome Joshua! Here are my 10 most special meet and greets at Disneyland Paris but I can't really rank them:*

- *Mickey (classic, Phantom, FanDaze, Christmas, Halloween, 25th anniversary and more outfits)*
- *Minnie (classic, Christmas, Halloween, 25th anniversary and more outfits)*
- *Boo*
- *Anna*
- *Chewbacca*
- *Darth Vader*
- *Goofy*
- *Eeyore*
- *Cruella DeVil*
- *Chip and Dale*

THE END

I would like to thank Joshua 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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