

Ticket to Paradise (2022 film)

Ticket to Paradise is a 2022 romantic comedy film starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts as a divorced couple who team up to sabotage the impending wedding of their daughter in Bali. The film is directed by Ol Parker and written by Parker and Daniel Pipski, while Kaitlyn Dever, Billie Lourd, Maxime Bouttier, and Lucas Bravo also star.

Ticket to Paradise had its world premiere in Spain on September 8, 2022, and was released in the United Kingdom on September 20 and in the United States on October 21, by Universal Pictures and Working Title Films. It has grossed \$172 million worldwide and received mixed reviews from critics.

Plot

David and Georgia Cotton are a divorced couple who hate each other and regret their marriage, which ended 20 years earlier. Their daughter Lily graduates from college, and goes on vacation to Bali with her friend and fellow graduate Wren. While snorkeling off the coast, their tour boat leaves them behind, and they are rescued by a young Balinese seaweed farmer named Gede. That night, Lily and Gede hit it off. A month later, Lily emails David and Georgia to let them know that she and Gede are getting married and are staying in Bali permanently, giving up her legal career before it begins. David and Georgia form a truce to try and convince Lily that she is rushing into things and making the same mistake they did. Their pilot on the flight to Bali turns out to be Paul, Georgia's boyfriend, who arranged to work this flight, and returns to visit Georgia in Bali a few days later as a surprise.

David and Georgia give their verbal blessing to Lily and Gede, but secretly plan a "Trojan horse" strategy to sabotage the wedding from within. Their scheme includes stealing the couple's wedding rings, which the couple quickly replaces. Gede immediately suspects David and Georgia, but hides his suspicions from Lily. While carrying out this plan, David and Georgia begin to mend fences with each another. They also get to know Gede and his large extended family and see that he really cares for Lily. Paul shows up and surprises Georgia

Ticket to Paradise



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Ol Parker</u>
Written by	<u>Ol Parker</u> <u>Daniel Pipski</u>
Produced by	<u>Tim Bevan</u> <u>Eric Fellner</u> <u>Sarah Harvey</u> <u>Deborah Balderstone</u>
Starring	<u>George Clooney</u> <u>Julia Roberts</u> <u>Kaitlyn Dever</u> <u>Maxime Bouttier</u> <u>Billie Lourd</u> <u>Lucas Bravo</u>
Cinematography	<u>Ole Birkeland</u>
Edited by	<u>Peter Lambert</u>
Music by	<u>Lorne Balfe</u>
Production companies	<u>Working Title Films</u>

with a series of marriage proposals, the first of which is interrupted by a snake bite at the temple of [Tanah Lot](#), and the second is prevented by an accidental head-butt.

When Lily discovers the stolen rings, she demands that they get on board with the wedding or go home. She also confronts Gede, who simultaneously confesses his harbored suspicions toward David and Georgia stealing the rings. David and Georgia realize that they will lose Lily forever if they do not support her decision and offer their support. The wedding proceeds in accordance with Balinese custom. As the couple prepares to ceremonially stab a dagger through a [pandan-leaf](#) mat to complete the bond of marriage, Gede pauses the ceremony to ask David and Georgia to give their blessing sincerely this time, offering not to go through with it unless they agree. David stands up and says the couple has their blessing, but that they do not really need it, and if he and Georgia had listened to all of their own detractors (David's friends and Georgia's parents, respectively), they never would have had Lily. Despite how their marriage turned out, they are both happier in a world with Lily in it. Lily and Gede are touched, complete the ceremony and get married.

On the morning after the wedding, Georgia tells Paul that she cannot marry him, and they end their relationship. David and Georgia toy with romance again, even kissing each other once, before pulling away and laughing about it. David, Georgia and Wren exchange tearful goodbyes with Lily and board a boat to leave. David and Georgia consider their romantic prospects again, debating aloud whether they are too old to feel young again and when they might return to Bali. In a flash, they both decide to stay, jumping off the boat to return to the dock.

	Smokehouse Pictures Red Om Films
Distributed by	Universal Pictures
Release dates	September 8, 2022 (Spain) September 20, 2022 (United Kingdom) October 21, 2022 (United States)
Running time	104 minutes
Countries	Australia United Kingdom United States
Language	English
Budget	\$60 million
Box office	\$168.7 million

Cast

- [George Clooney](#) as David Cotton
- [Julia Roberts](#) as Georgia Cotton
- [Kaitlyn Dever](#) as Lily Cotton
- [Maxime Bouttier](#) as Gede May
- [Billie Lourd](#) as Wren Butler
- [Lucas Bravo](#) as Paul
- Agung Pindha as Wayan May
- Ifa Barry as Suli May
- Cintya Dharmayanti as Losi May

Production

Development and casting

Ticket to Paradise is a co-production between Working Title Films, Smokehouse Pictures, and Red Om Films. Ol Parker and Daniel Pipski wrote the screenplay, and Parker directed. The film was announced by Universal Pictures on February 26, 2021. It reunites actors George Clooney and Julia Roberts after previously working on *Ocean's Eleven* (2001), *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* (2002), *Ocean's Twelve* (2004), and *Money Monster* (2016). *Deadline Hollywood* noted Universal's reluctance to sell the distributor rights to a streaming service in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and said it was "important to those wondering when film studios are going to stop selling pricey star packages to streamers".^[1] Billie Lourd joined the cast in March;^[2] Kaitlyn Dever was added to the cast in April;^[3] and Lucas Bravo was revealed to star in October.^[4] Clooney used a Keto-based regimen to lose weight in preparation for his role.^[5]



George Clooney and Julia Roberts star as a divorced couple in *Ticket to Paradise*.

Filming

Principal photography took place in Queensland, Australia, between November 2021 and February 2022.^[6] Ole Bratt Birkeland was the cinematographer.^[7] The film received a grant of AU\$6.4 million (US\$4.92 million) from the Australian federal government. Paul Fletcher, the Australian Minister for Communications and the Arts, said the production generated at least 270 jobs and AU\$47 million (US\$36.2 million) for the local economy. Filming locations included the Whitsunday Islands, the HOTA gallery at the Gold Coast, Brisbane Airport,^[8] cane fields near Norwell, Tamborine National Park, Queen's Wharf, Brisbane, Hamilton Island Airport, Carrara Markets,^[9] Tangalooma Island Resort on Moreton Island, and the Palm Bay Resort on Long Island.^{[10][11][12]} Scene where Georgia and David come to the island was shot on the Kate's cove beach, Haslewood Island.^[13] Production was briefly put in hiatus in January 2022 due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in Queensland.^[14] Filming concluded on 18 February 2022.^[15]

Music

During post-production, Lorne Balfe composed the film's score.^[16] Back Lot Music released the soundtrack on September 23, 2022

Track listing

No.	Title	Length
1.	"Sweet Sunrise"	2:27
2.	"Mountain Kiss"	2:18
3.	"Flying Kites"	1:13
4.	"Ampura"	2:24
5.	"Remember Me"	2:23
6.	"Dolphin Spirit"	2:01
7.	"Views from Bayview"	2:20
8.	"Cleansing the Soul"	2:02
9.	"The Morning After"	2:36
10.	"Ticket to Paradise"	3:02
11.	"We're in This Together"	2:33
Total length:		25:19

<i>Ticket to Paradise</i> <i>(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)</i>		
<u>Film score</u> by <u>Lorne Balfe</u>		
Released	September 23, 2022	
Length	25:19	
Label	<u>Back Lot Music</u>	
<u>Lorne Balfe</u> chronology		
<i><u>Black Adam</u></i> (2022)	<i>Ticket to Paradise</i> <i>(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)</i> (2022)	<i><u>Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves</u></i> (2023)

Release

Universal Pictures released the film theatrically in Australia on September 15, 2022.^[18] It was released in the United Kingdom on September 20, 2022, and was released in the United States on October 21, 2022.^[19] It was originally set to be released in the US on September 30, 2022.^[20] The death of Queen [Elizabeth II](#) in September 2022 delayed the film's UK release from September 16 to September 20.^[21] The film began streaming on [Peacock](#) 45 days after its theatrical debut in the US.^[22]

Home media

The film was released for [VOD](#) platforms on November 8, 2022, followed by a [Blu-ray](#) and [DVD](#) on December 13, 2022.^[23]

Reception

Box office

Ticket to Paradise grossed \$68.3 million in the United States and Canada, and \$100.3 million in other territories, for a worldwide total of \$168.6 million,^[24] against a budget of \$60 million,^[25] making it a [box office success](#).

In the United States and Canada, *Ticket to Paradise* was released alongside *Black Adam*, and was projected to gross \$12–15 million from 3,500 theaters in its opening weekend.^{[25][26]} It went on to debut to \$16.5 million, finishing second to *Black Adam*, with the slight over-performance attributed to skewing to older women amid the release of *Black Adam* (and *Halloween Ends*) being aimed at young men.^[27] The film remained in the Top 10 at the box office for seven consecutive weeks.^[28]

The film opened in seven markets ahead of its US release, grossing \$800,000 from Spain and \$700,000 from Brazil over their opening weekends on September 9–11.^[29]

Critical response

On the review aggregator website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 57% of 221 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.6/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Ticket to Paradise* may not send viewers all the way to the promised land, but this reunion for a pair of megawatt stars is still an agreeably frothy good time."^[30] [Metacritic](#), which uses a [weighted average](#), assigned the film a score of 50 out of 100, based on 47 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[31] Audiences polled by [CinemaScore](#) gave the film an average grade of "A-" on an A+ to F scale.^[32]

Accolades

At the 2022 People's Choice Awards, the film was nominated for Comedy Movie of 2022, and Roberts was nominated for Comedy Movie Star of 2022.^[33]

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