

Strangers in Paradise

Experience the wonder down under: Australia, one of the most exciting, unspoilt and undiscovered destinations left on earth.

Strangers in Paradise follows a group of north American and British tourists on a ten-day tour of Australia to find out what the tourists think and if the brochures really deliver. They arrive in the midst of the Bicentennial celebrations and are swept along in the alcoholic tide of white Australia's 200th birthday. Shocked by the Aboriginal protests, they beat a hasty retreat to their international hotel and the familiar diet of souvenir shops, flora and fauna. The tourists provide an enthusiastic but captive audience to series of vignettes presenting the richness of Aussie culture — the typical sheep station, the War Memorial, koala spotting, the Vegemite song — all delivered with aggressive hospitality by their Australian tour guides.

In central Australia, the tourists visit a 'typical' Aboriginal camp, and here the careful stage management fails. This is not what the tourists expected. Behind this version of the noble savage, they see only sadness and injustice.

Directed by Gil Scrine and Tom Zubrycki