

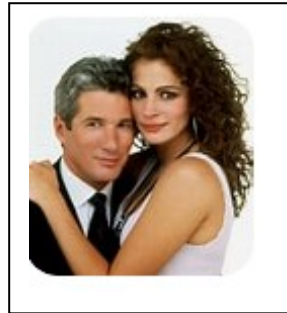
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# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS

**Title:** Pretty Woman



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## Information

Release **Title:** Pretty Woman 01<sup>st</sup> June 1990 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United States

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Duration: 1h 59 min (119min)

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Product Code:

Languages: English

Filming locations: Las Palmas Hotel - 1738 N. Las Palmas Avenue, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, USA (Vivian's hotel)

Sound mix: Doby Stereo

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Garry Marshall
<b>Written by</b>	J. F. Lawton
<b>Produced by</b>	Arnon Milchan Steven Reuther Gary W. Goldstein
<b>Starring</b>	Richard Gere Julia Roberts Héctor Elizondo Ralph Bellamy Laura San Giacomo Jason Alexander
<b>Cinematography</b>	Charles Minsky
<b>Edited by</b>	Raja Gosnell Priscilla Nedd
<b>Music by</b>	James Newton Howard
<b>Production companies</b>	Touchstone Pictures <sup>[1]</sup> Silver Screen Partners IV Regency International Pictures (uncredited)
<b>Distributed by</b>	Buena Vista Pictures Distribution
<b>Release date</b>	March 23, 1990
<b>Running time</b>	119 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$14 million
<b>Box office</b>	\$463.4 million

## Storyline – Pretty Woman

One night while leaving a business party in the Hollywood Hills, corporate raider Edward Lewis takes his lawyer Philip's Lotus Esprit and finds himself in the red-light district on Hollywood Boulevard, where he meets street walker Vivian Ward. Lost and struggling to operate the stick shift car, Edward accepts Vivian's offer to drive him to the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Impulsively, he hires her for the whole night, and despite initial awkwardness, they have sex in his penthouse suite. The following day, Edward asks Vivian to stay for the week, as he must attend a series of business events while attempting to acquire Jim Morse's shipbuilding company. After negotiating, Edward and Vivian agree on \$3,000. He also gives her money to buy appropriate clothes.

When Vivian tries to shop on Rodeo Drive, snobbish and rude saleswomen turn her away because of the way she looks. She asks hotel manager Barney for assistance. He gets store saleslady Bridget to find her a cocktail dress for that evening's business dinner. Later, she gets Barney to teach her table etiquette. Edward is astounded by Vivian's transformation. At dinner, he introduces Vivian to Morse and his grandson David, who is to take over the company. The dinner does not go well, as they are unhappy with Edward's plan to dismantle their company. Later, Edward tells Vivian about his personal and business life, including his estranged relationship with his late father.

Edward takes Vivian along as his date to a polo match. When Philip sees Vivian talking to David Morse, he tells Edward his suspicions that she is a corporate spy. Edward dismisses Philip's concerns by explaining their arrangement. With the knowledge of Vivian's true background, the married Philip talks to her alone and crudely propositions her for her services. Back in Edward's suite, Vivian is angry with Edward for exposing her in that way. He apologizes, admitting that he was jealous of Vivian talking to David. Edward takes Vivian by private jet to see *La traviata* at the San Francisco Opera, a story about a prostitute who falls in love with a wealthy man. She is moved, and she breaks her "no kissing" rule before having sex with him. Believing Edward has fallen asleep, Vivian says she loves him.

As the week is almost finished, Edward offers to get Vivian a condominium and an allowance, promising to visit her regularly. However, Vivian feels he is treating her like a prostitute. She shares her childhood fantasy of being rescued by a knight on a white steed. Edward meets with Morse, but chooses to work with him to save his company instead of dismantling it. Philip, furious that Edward's new direction has cost him a fortune, goes to the Beverly Wilshire to confront him. He finds Vivian. Blaming her for Edward's changes and angry at his business decision, Philip hits her and attempts to rape her. Edward arrives, pulls Philip off Vivian, punches him, and fires him. After completing his business in Los Angeles, Edward asks Vivian to stay with him for one more night, but only if she wants to, not because he is paying her. She gently refuses and leaves after telling him she thinks he has "lots of special gifts".

Vivian returns to her apartment hotel to pack for her move to San Francisco to get a new job and a high-school diploma. She gives her roommate, fellow prostitute Kit De Luca, some money and tells her she has "a lot of potential". Kit leaves sex work and enrolls in beauty classes. Vivian then waits in the apartment for the bus. Edward has the chauffeur take him to her apartment. He climbs out of the white limousine's sunroof and ascends the fire escape to "rescue" Vivian, just like the knight in her childhood fantasy. When he asks her what happens after the knight rescues her, she responds, "She rescues him right back", and kisses him.... Wiki

Replete with extreme wealth and suave good looks, Edward Lewis could seemingly have any woman he wants, a committed significant other needed on his arm at social events to further how he makes his money as a corporate raider, but since he focuses more on his corporate-raiding pursuits with his lawyer of 10 years and partner-in-crime Philip Stuckey than any woman, every significant other he's had in his life has felt neglected and eventually left him, the fact of which he is just realizing. In Beverly Hills, still in need of a woman on his arm as he and Philip work toward taking over a company owned by the increasingly insolvent James Morse, he decides, from a chance encounter, to hire Hollywood Boulevard hooker Vivian Ward as his escort for the week. It makes sense: a professional who would be committed to the work without having any relationship issues after the week is done. Beyond their chance

encounter, he also makes this decision because she surprises him about how un-hookerish she is in certain respects. Vivian, relatively new to Los Angeles and the business, must still look and act the part, with Edward, beyond giving her money, leaving her largely to her own devices to do so. She finds a somewhat-unlikely Henry Higgins in Barney Thompson, manager of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel where Edward is staying. Barney draws that fine line of keeping the hotel's upscale clients happy while maintaining the posh decorum of the upper class, which does not include people to the hotel looking for rooms with hourly rates. As Barney and his associates are able to transform Vivian into a Cinderella, the questions become whether Vivian can go back to her Hollywood Boulevard life and whether she does have her Prince Charming beyond this week in the form of Edward (or anyone else) who truly does see her as Cinderella as opposed to a Hollywood Boulevard streetwalker. —Hugbo [Imbd](#)

## Cast

Richard Gere as Edward Lewis, a wealthy corporate raider from New York who hires Vivian to be his escort for a week

Julia Roberts as Vivian Ward, a free-spirited Hollywood street walker

Ralph Bellamy as Jim Morse, owner of Morse Industries, a troubled shipbuilding company Edward plans to take over

Jason Alexander as Philip Stuckey, Edward's insensitive lawyer

Héctor Elizondo as Barnard "Barney" Thompson, the dignified and soft-hearted hotel manager

Laura San Giacomo as Kit De Luca, Vivian's sarcastic, wisecracking best friend and roommate who taught her the prostitution trade.

Alex Hyde-White as David Morse, Jim Morse's grandson, who is being groomed to take over the Morses' shipbuilding company.

Amy Yasbeck as Elizabeth Stuckey, Philip's wife

Elinor Donahue as Bridget, a friend of Barney Thompson's who works in a women's clothing store

John David Carson as Mark Roth, a businessman in Edward's office

Judith Baldwin, as Susan, is one of Edward's ex-girlfriends into whom he runs at Phil's party at the beginning of the film. She has recently married and Edward's secretary was a bridesmaid.

Patrick Richwood as Dennis Rowland

James Patrick Stuart as Day Bellhop

Dey Young as a snobbish saleswoman in a clothing store

Larry Miller as Mr. Hollister, the manager of a clothing store where Vivian buys her new wardrobe

Hank Azaria as a detective (film debut)

Larry Hankin as a landlord

## Parents Guide

Certification

**Sex & Nudity** – Moderate **Violence & Gore** –Mild **Profanity** – Moderate, **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** – Mild

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