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THE PARADISE



SEASON 1

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With an average temperature of 5°F, and as little as 5 hours of light a day, Finnish citizens found a new home in a small village on Spain's Costa del Sol. This warm, sunny, and very friendly community is now home to some 25,000 Finnish—the second largest Finnish community in the world, where life is a dream and Finland is a memory. They call it "Paratiisi" – *The Paradise*.

"Nordic Noir collides with the Sunny Mediterranean"—Drama Quarterly





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Season One introduces a senior criminal investigator from Oulu who travels to Spain to investigate the disappearance of a Finnish family which, in turn, leads to her extending her stay to help the local police in an ever twisting and evolving brutal series of murders.

Airdate: February 2020. Delivered YLE, Finland's public service broadcaster, **over 40% market share** of linear viewing, in addition to a record 900k views of episode 1 in the first week on YLE's streaming platform.

Awards:

Nordisk Film & TV Fond

Best Nordic Screenplay (nominated)

Golden Venla

Best Actress / Ritta Havukainen (winner)

Director of the Year / Marja Pyykkö (nominated)

"An original structure"—Variety

"The crimes of 'Little Finland'"—SUR in English

"The Paradise' Up for 2020 Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize"—Variety

"YLE's series The Paradise has become highly popular with nearly two million viewers"—YLE

SEASON 1 EPISODES

Episode 1

A Finnish family is found murdered in cold blood on Spain's Costa del Sol. Detective Hilikka Mäntymäki is sent from Finland to investigate the homicide that has shocked the peaceful Finnish community in Fuengirola.

Episode 2

Hilikka is sorely missed at home. But in Spain, the young lead detective, Andrés Villanueva, who has his own haunted past, needs her help in solving this complex international crime. Gradually the investigators start unravelling the events that have led to the tragic death of a Finnish family on Spanish soil.

Episode 3

The surprising links between the deaths of two elderly Finnish women ring the alarm bells for both Andrés and Hilikka, who is now back in Finland. Soon it appears that there might yet be a third victim connected to the case. Hilikka will need to leave her ailing husband and return to Spain to help solve the crime, but at what cost?

Episode 4

The killer strikes again. Hilikka returns to Spain. Andrés begins to suspect that Police Chief Coréa is protecting someone. Hilikka and Andrés' friendship deepens after a night spent together on the beach. Despite their difference in age, and heavily weighted pasts, their physical and emotional connection escalates.

Episode 5

Hilikka, Andrés and Luisa have a new suspect. In a nursing home back in Finland, Hilikka's husband, who is suffering from dementia, ponders what happens to the soul after death.

Episode 6

Still in Spain, Hilikka is kidnapped. Hilikka's captor tells her a cryptic tale from the distant past, about a youth camp where disturbing events took place. Hilikka begins to piece together the origins as to why the heinous murders are taking place.

Episode 7

Costa del Sol's police force is on high alert and is now methodically searching for their suspect. This desperate chase culminates in a shootout in front of the police station, where the consequences are fateful.

Episode 8

A freed Hilikka and dogged Luisa track the killer, while Andrés is moved aside from the investigation. Meanwhile, Hilikka's husband has found his way up north to his favorite fishing spot. A darkness falls on both in Spain and Finland; a killer is brought to justice; an ill man finds peace and the past is at last exposed. But how will our detectives fare, as their own lives have now been forever changed.

Season One Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYlj55THYXE>



THE PARADISE

SEASON 2



“The global red market has an estimated annual worth of 1.2B, outweighing the trade of small arms and precious stones.”

—ETAC

SEASON 2

The murder of a Finnish man on Spanish soil reunites detectives Hilikka and Andrés from across their respective borders and brings into focus the next generation of detectives. As more bodies turn up, an **international organ trafficking** ring that preys on the most innocent of children and most desperate of refugees is revealed. Our detectives are determined to put an end to these brutal crimes—but how much are they willing to sacrifice in order to save others?

SEASON 2 EPISODES

Episode 1

A young boy named Timo gets some bleak medical news but is given a possible way out by a seemingly respectable surgeon named Reko. A frantic Finnish man turns up dead in a golf course in Spain after seeking detective Andrés Villanueva, who is off in Finland visiting fellow detective and former flame Hilikka. Andrés' colleague Luisa searches for clues in the murder, uncovering more bodies in the process.

Episode 2

A young refugee, Darmian, and his pregnant wife, Malina, illegally make their way from the shores of Morocco to Spain to begin a new life, but every journey has its price. Luisa hunts for clues in the murders and has a violent run in with blue-eyed brute named José. Andrés is on the prowl for his adopted daughter's dangerous biological father, Jorma, after the child received troubling texts from him.

Episode 3

After realizing he is not selling just an organ but his life, Darmian makes a desperate escape from The Hilton where he is being held and searches for Malina. A devious nurse tries to keep the façade of a legitimate operation up for her patients as Timo's surgery experiences complications. A sleazy celebrity journalist named Ilu puts pressure on a wealthy socialite, Sohanna. Andrés, Hilikka, and the techie cop, Kimi, join Luisa in Spain to put an end to the murders as the body count climbs claiming the most venerable and desperate in our society as its victims.

Episode 4

Tragedy strikes as Andrés, Hilikka, and Luisa are unable to prevent Darmian's murder as they prowl the underbelly of Fuengirola for leads. The trio search for the source of the murders, stirring up treachery from within the police department, but Andrés is distracted by his hatred of Jorma. With the first inklings of the organ trafficking operation coming together, the detectives set a trap for the sadistic surgeon in an abandoned water treatment plant.

Episode 5

Sohanna feels the pressure as the detectives investigate. Ilu continues to stick his nose where it doesn't belong, unaware of the potentially fatal consequences. Young Timo's health takes a downwards turn as José's business begins experiencing more complications. A charismatic new police chief named Raimondo, who has a shaky history with Luisa, strides into Fuengirola. Andrés teaches Jorma a lesson he will never forget.

Episode 6

Tensions run high as everything escalates. Andrés crosses the border to do some undercover work as a Moroccan street criminal reconnecting with dangerous gangsters and brutal kingpin named Ubis. Hilikka begins to suspect her boyfriend Toni is implicated in the scheme when his stories begin to not add up, and she finds a taser hidden in his belongings. Luisa's rage for Raimondo boils over as she feels alienated from her fellow cops.

Episode 7

Andrés has found what he needs from Morocco and quietly returns to Spain leaving enough of a breadcrumb trail for local police to topple Ubis's empire. Toni destroys his relationship with Hilikka but reveals one of the players in the organ trade, a traumatized and self-destructive doctor named Foss. With one of the heads of the hydra finally cut off, the detectives are ahead in the game for the first time. Complicating things, Hilikka's granddaughter has a serious health issue, and she must rush back to Finland.

Episode 8

In the season finale, all worlds collide, when Sohanna, now in custody, finally cracks and a disappeared Ilu helps from beyond the grave. Andrés and Luisa head after José and Myriam while Hilikka hunts down Reko. After more bloodshed, the cruel organ trafficking operation finally falls to pieces. Raimondo's ugly and misogynistic past is brought to light and Hilikka's granddaughter makes a full recovery. The detectives can finally find some well-deserved peace, but does such a thing really exist in this profession? Just as the dust settles, and all is quiet, the unimaginable occurs.

CHARACTERS

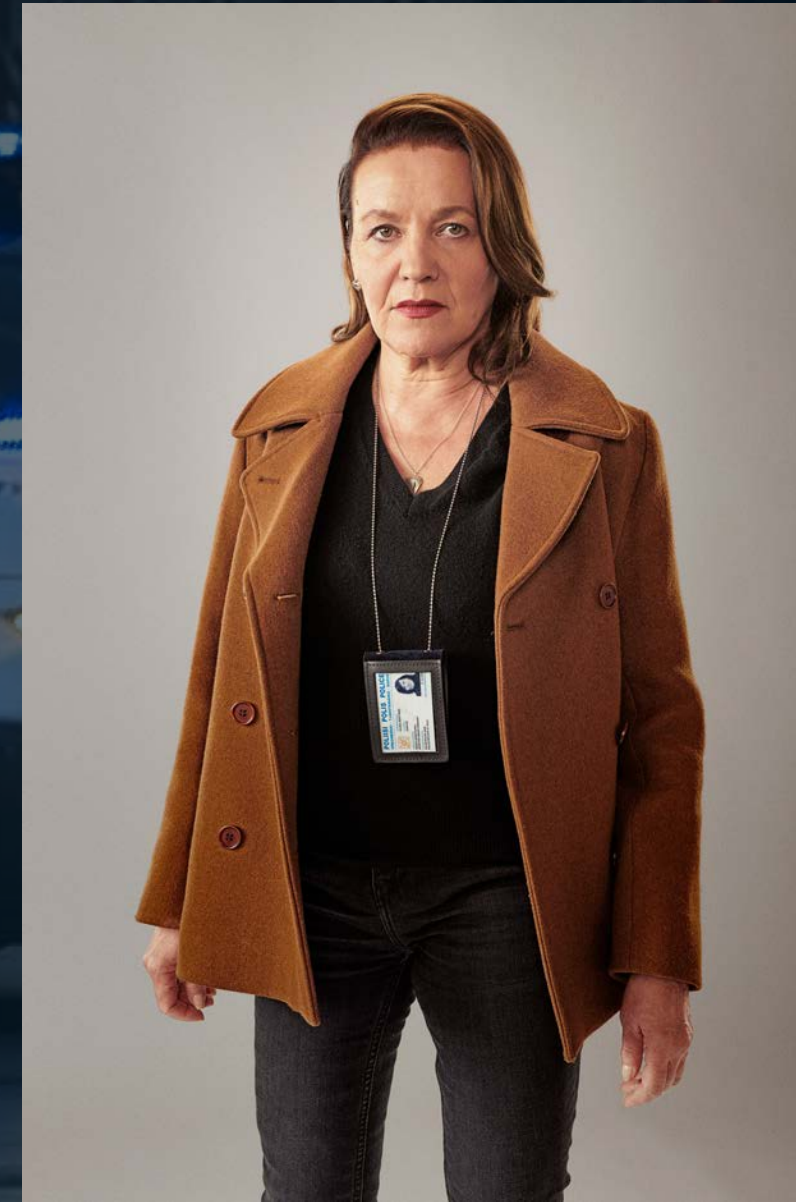
(Season 1 & 2)

ANDRÉS



Andrés is a young Spanish detective in his prime. He likes to think of himself as the good guy, but he is addicted to danger and his rage often gets in his own way. What he thinks of as a willingness to get his hands dirty has acquired him a long list of enemies. Devotedly loyal and highly motivated, Andrés will do anything to protect his loved ones and the ones he views as innocent.

HILKA



Hilka is a Finnish detective who has spent her entire professional life in the force. She is outstanding at her job but is wracked with guilt over putting her career over her family.

LUISA



Luisa is a young, determined, and guarded detective. She does things by the numbers and is precise and controlled in her work. She is more than competent and can be intimidating, but there is something from her past clouding her head and causing her pain.

CHARACTERS

(Season 2)

KIMI

Kimi is an optimistic and friendly (to a fault), Finnish officer, who may still be green but knows his policing and is a technological savant. He quickly forms a warm friendship with Luisa.

DARMIAN

Darmian is a desperate refugee and barely an adult. He is determined to get himself and his pregnant wife Malina across the border and into Europe no matter the price. After striking a shady deal to sell his kidney, he makes his way into Spain, but it quickly becomes clear that more will be taken from him than he had bargained for.

JOSÉ

José is a physically imposing and cruel but skilled surgeon, who enjoys causing pain. He is a true sadist. He operates his deadly and highly lucrative organ trafficking operation in Finland and Spain with the help of his timid nurse Myriam, the disgraced and depressed Dr. Foss, and the charismatic Reko.



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