

John Cusack, Rob Corddry Ride 'Hot Tub Time Machine'

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CHICAGO – What man approaching or in middle age wouldn't love to go back to when they were in their physical, sexual, and alcohol-imbibing prime and not just feel young again but perhaps even correct a few mistakes that led to a disappointing life? This is the human theme of the surprisingly funny and consistent "Hot Tub Time Machine," a crowd-pleasing ode to the days of "Miami Vice" and "Alf" that delivers on multiple levels without being quite perfect or groundbreaking.



Rating: **3.5/5.0**

Of course, not all comedies need to be groundbreaking. The mega-hit "The Hangover" made a fortune and even won a Golden Globe for Best Picture merely by displaying men behaving badly and "Hot Tub Time Machine" is likely to strike a similar chord with audiences and, hopefully, be as big a hit. It's a better movie.



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The most spoiler-titled film since "Snakes on a Plane" opens by introducing its four primary characters: Adam (John Cusack), Nick (Craig Robinson), Lou (Rob Corddry), and Jacob (Clark Duke). Adam is the de facto leader of the group but he has trouble holding together relationships; friend or foe. Nick has a sh*tty job (literally) and a henpecking wife who made him take her last name and could be cheating on him. Jacob is Adam's nephew and he merely sits in the basement playing video games all day. Finally, Lou is the kind of guy described as an a-hole even by his so-called friends.

The action of the film kicks in when Lou is sent to the hospital after an apparent suicide attempt. The quartet ends up being forced to monitor Lou for a few days and decides to head to the site of the best days of their youth - a ski lodge called Kodiak Valley. Of course, the last quarter-century hasn't been kind to the ski party industry and the gang finds themselves at a decrepit lodge with nothing to do but get wasted in the hot tub. The title kicks in and they wake up in 1986 just in time for Winterfest (featuring Poison!) and one of the most important nights of their life.

'Hot Tub Time Machine' stars John Cusack, Craig Robinson, Rob Corddry, Clark Duke, Lizzy Caplan, Crispin Glover, and Chevy Chase. It was written by Steve Pink and Sean Anders & John Morris and directed by Pink. It opened on March 26th, 2010. It is rated R.



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