

## Blu-ray Review: Take Trip Off the Grid with Funny ‘Wanderlust’

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CHICAGO – David Wain’s “Wanderlust” got screwed by Universal. There’s no reason that a movie this generally funny, smart, and enjoyable should only make just over \$20 million worldwide. It’s the kind of solid comedy that is guaranteed a wider audience on Blu-ray and DVD. And the Universal Blu-ray is a strong enough one to help deserved word-of-mouth grow.

As much as I like “Wanderlust” (short version of my review is that it’s very funny and contains one of Paul Rudd’s best performances but Jennifer Aniston’s female lead is woefully underwritten...long version is [here](#) [18]), the draw of the Universal Blu-ray, what’s advertised all over the cover is the “Bizarro Cut,” an alternate version of the movie that’s really kind of a waste of time. Wain and Ken Marino intro the cut as another full version of the flick but it’s not really. It doesn’t have the plot. It’s really just a series of deleted scenes and alternate takes in chronological order and is essentially un-watchable.

However, the gag reel and actual line-o-rama are pretty hysterical. Some of the alternate, improvised lines are funnier than the entirety of some Hollywood comedies (I’m looking at you “A Thousand Words.”) A majority of the film was clearly improvised and so watching these talented actors doing what they do so well adds to the fun of the overall film. And Universal’s Blu-ray transfers are some of the best on the market. I wish Wain, Marino, and Rudd had done an audio commentary but it’s a minor complaint for a film that deserved a more major audience.



Wanderlust was released on Blu-ray and DVD on June 19, 2012

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#### Synopsis:

Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in this laugh-out-loud comedy about leaving it all behind. After George (Rudd) loses his high-stress Manhattan job, he and his wife, Linda (Aniston), hit the road and wind up crashing at Elysium, a free-spirited community of hippies, tree-huggers and the occasional nudist. Featuring an all-star ensemble cast including Justin Theroux, Malin Akerman and Alan Alda, Wanderlust has “more laughs than I’ve had at the movies in a very long time.” (Carrie Rickey, Philadelphia Inquirer)

#### Special Features:

- o Wanderlust: The Bizarro Cut! - Check Out An Alternate Version Of The Film With Different Jokes In Every Scene!
- o God Afton! Behind The Scenes Of Wanderlust
- o Wainy Says: Elysium - See The Cast In this Exclusive Episode From The Hit Web Series
- o Gag Reel
- o Line-O-Rama

*“Wanderlust” stars Paul Rudd, Jennifer Aniston, Justin Theroux, Alan Alda, Malin Akerman, Ken Marino, Joe Lo Truglio, Kathryn Hahn, Kerri Kenney-Silver, Lauren Ambrose, Michaela Watkins, and Jordan Peele. It was written by David Wain & Marino and directed by Wain. It is rated R and was released on Blu-ray and DVD on June 19, 2012.*



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