

‘The Hangover’: All the Fun of Inebriation, No Next-Day Headache

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CHICAGO – Those who seek out “The Hangover” will do so wanting a good laugh. Those who see this film will occasionally be struck with the feeling that they shouldn’t be laughing. But laugh and laugh often they will as “The Hangover” will whirl you through all the fun of inebriation without the consequence of the nasty, next-day headache.



“Old School” director Todd Phillips has met and surpassed the hysterics of his former film with this take-it-to-the-limit comedy. Breaking the “what happens in Vegas...” taboo, “The Hangover” allows a glimpse at the goings-on of a Las Vegas bachelor party.

From the strippers to the blackouts, the moviegoer is invited along on this three-day, two-night trip of penthouse suite-staying, lucky-streak chip-winning, unforgettable fun.

In honor of groom-to-be Doug (Justin Bartha of the “National Treasure” films), best-buddies Phil (Bradley Cooper of “He’s Just Not That Into You”) and Stu (Ed Helms of “The Office”) plan a Vegas getaway with a quirky and loner addition to the guest list: Doug’s future brother-in-law Alan (Zach Galifianakis of “What Happens in Vegas”).



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The foursome splurge on a suite, suit up and head off expecting the typical-atypical of all Sin City has to offer.

And heavily dosed with the atypical they become. The group wakes to find their suite ridden with zoo creatures; their bodies riddled with unexplained injuries; stripper Jade’s (Heather Graham of “Baby on Board” and the “Austin Powers” films) baby in the closet; and, most pressing, a missing groom.

“The Hangover,” which comes from “Old School” director Todd Phillips, features Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha, Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Mike Epps and Mike Tyson. The film opened everywhere on June 5, 2009. “The Hangover” is rated “R” for pervasive language, sexual content (including nudity) and some drug material.



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Left to right: Zach Galifianakis as Alan, baby Tyler, Bradley Cooper as Phil and Ed Helms as Stu in “The Hangover”.
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