

Movie Night: Trips from Hell

Does the damned recession have you stuck at home, rather than taking a dream jaunt to Jamaica? This calls for a movie night! Not to worry – your stay-cation won't seem so bad compared to the hellacious trips taken by the frazzled characters in these classic flicks.

[Planes, Trains and Automobiles](#)



The worst part of any trip is the simple act of getting to your destination. That's why *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* is so deliciously cringe-inducing. Steve Martin plays the stressed-out Neal Page, a businessman trying to make it home for Thanksgiving, while the dearly missed John Candy (as gasbag Del Griffith) gets all up in his grill as his constant traveling companion. An absolute must-see, particularly for John Hughes fans.

[National Lampoon's Vacation](#)

The mother of all nightmare trips! You may never leave the house again after viewing the first in the hysterical "Vacation" franchise. Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his clan are headed on a road trip to Walley World, a theme-park filled with awesome adventure rides. Sadly, almost every vacation disaster known to man befalls them, including a broken-down car, freaky family visits and some pee-soaked sandwiches (don't ask). This one's also written by Hughes...are you sensing a sub-theme?



[Open Water](#)



So the first two were funny, but now it's time to get scary. Actually super-duper scary, since *Open Water* is based on a true story. Yes, a TRUE STORY. Yikes! While on an island getaway, harried couple Susan (Blanchard Ryan) and Daniel (Daniel Travis) hop on a boat to go scuba diving, traveling 15 miles out to sea. After they're accidentally abandoned by the vessel, they find themselves stranded...and surrounded by blood-thirsty sharks.