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**ROYAL** Caribbean International (RCI) recently quarantined a furry stowaway attempting to make its way into Australia.

A pet cat was smuggled aboard RCI's *Ovation of the Seas* voyage from Honolulu to Sydney last month.

According to New Zealand newspaper *The Post*, the cat was discovered in a guest's cabin, and is believed to be from Arizona.

The cat may have gotten away with it too, had it not been for foul weather, which diverted *Oasis* to Wellington.

It is here where biosecurity agents found the cat during an otherwise routine inspection of the ship.

The cat was "bonded" to the Captain, meaning they are officially caring for the animal while it remains on the vessel.

## Sunny cruise boost

**SUNSHINE** Coast businesses are set to ride the cruise ship wave, with nearly 3,000 passengers to disembark from four vessels over the next three weeks.

Viking's *Viking Orion*, Windstar Cruises' *Star Breeze*, Regent Seven Seas Cruises' *Seven Seas Explorer*, and Oceania Cruises' *Regatta* will all arrive in Mooloolaba from now until Christmas Eve.

## Virgin pops Aussie cherry



**VIRGIN** Voyages' *Resilient Lady* (pictured) has arrived in Darwin for the first time, marking the cruise line's maiden appearance in Australian waters.

*Resilient* made her entrance to the NT at 8am yesterday morning, with excited sailors stepping off at Darwin Port Cruise Ship Terminal to explore the tropical capital and its surroundings.

Among the Shore Things (Virgin's term for shore excursions) available in the NT are a visit to George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens or the famous Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Also on offer is an eco-cruise around Darwin's waterways, an immersive food tour sampling the cultural melting pot of Top End cuisine, as well as an iconic outback pub hop via helicopter.

The stopover is part of *Resilient's* 44-day repositioning voyage, which departed Athens on 22 Oct, and has made bucket-list stops in Dubai, Mumbai, Phuket, Singapore, and Bali.

*Resilient* will now journey to

the eastern states of Australia, making stops in Cairns, Airlie Beach, and Sydney, before arriving into her new home port of Melbourne.

"We're finally in Australia... today marks a historical milestone for Virgin Voyages," Chief Executive Officer Nirmal Saverimuttu said.

"Reaching Darwin and entering Aussie water is an incredible moment for us...we can't wait to see what our MerMaiden voyage from Melbourne has in store." MS

## Carnival clarifies

A **CARNIVAL** United Kingdom spokesperson has told **CW** the company is "categorically not making any redundancies", nor will it be firing and rehiring staff.

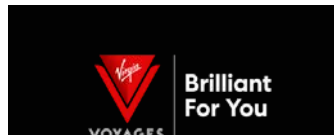
Media reports last week suggested the company's P&O Cruises UK and Cunard Line brands may dismiss crew members unless they accepted salary cuts and flexible working arrangements.

## Cooking up a feast

**OCEANIA** Cruises has announced its first annual Culinary Masters cruise in Oct.

The sailing is to be hosted by Oceania's two French master chefs, and will include special events, a signature gala seafood brunch, and more guest cuisiniers.


The cruise will be hosted aboard *Marina*, and will sail from Valletta to Rome.



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