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TRAVEL

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Floating down Oxford Street during Mardi Gras appears to be just a little too tame for some; so Australia's first gay and lesbian cruise is getting ready to launch into the blue yonder aboard a liner named Pacific Sun. Themed nights, cocktail parties and even a prize-laden swimwear competition are planned for the (please) NavigAtion experience. Of course, there'll be health spas, massages and lounges and the organisers have cheerfully announced that "you don't need to be gay" (but, with a nice bit of stereotyping, suggest you pack a tiara). All Gay Cruises — the organiser of this inaugural event — hopes that the three-day adventure will be just the first boat of many Down Under. The Pacific Sun sets sail from Sydney on March 29. allgaycruises.com.au

