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Sir Ivan Lawrence QC Joins Fred. Olsen Christmas Cruise

Fred. Olsen's Christmas cruise to the Canary Islands aboard Boudicca will include a very distinguished guest. Joining the company of cruise D1028 – a fourteen-night cruise leaving Liverpool on 21st December 2010 – as VIP Guest Speaker will be former MP, renowned barrister and author, Sir Ivan Lawrence QC.

Born in Brighton in the 1930s, Sir Ivan's stellar career has taken him to the top of the legal profession, appearing in over 80 murder trials, including some of the UK's most notorious cases – such as those of serial killer Denis Nilsen and the Kray Twins – and a Yugoslav war crimes trial in The Hague. He was also Conservative MP for Burton-on-Trent for 23 years, and was knighted in 1992.

Now a broadcaster and frequent contributor to national newspapers and magazines, Sir Ivan has written his fascinating biography, *My Life of Crime*. Guests aboard the Boudicca Christmas cruise will have the opportunity to attend one of Sir Ivan's thought-provoking talks on his life and experiences, and purchase signed copies of his book. As well as giving an amazing, 'behind-the-scenes' glimpse of the workings of justice, Sir Ivan's book also provides an insight into life in the corridors of the House of Commons during the Thatcher years.

The 'Canary Christmas' cruise provides a gloriously relaxed and warm-weather Christmas at sea. Boudicca departs from Liverpool on 21st December 2010, and visits Leixoes (for Oporto), home of Portugal's famed port industry, then cruises onto the balmy waters of the Canaries, where she calls at Lanzarote, Gran Canaria, La Gomera, Tenerife, La Palma, and finally the garden island of Madeira, before returning to Liverpool. Christmas Day itself is spent at sea, with all the traditional Christmas trimmings, while for New Year's Eve Boudicca will be in Funchal, where guests can enjoy spectacular firework displays. Prices for this cruise start

from £1,991 per person, based on two adults sharing an outside twin cabin, Grade 'E'.

The price includes all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes. Find out more at <http://www.fredolsencruises.co.uk/> You can book online, by calling Reservations on 01473 742424 or through your local ABTA travel agent.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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