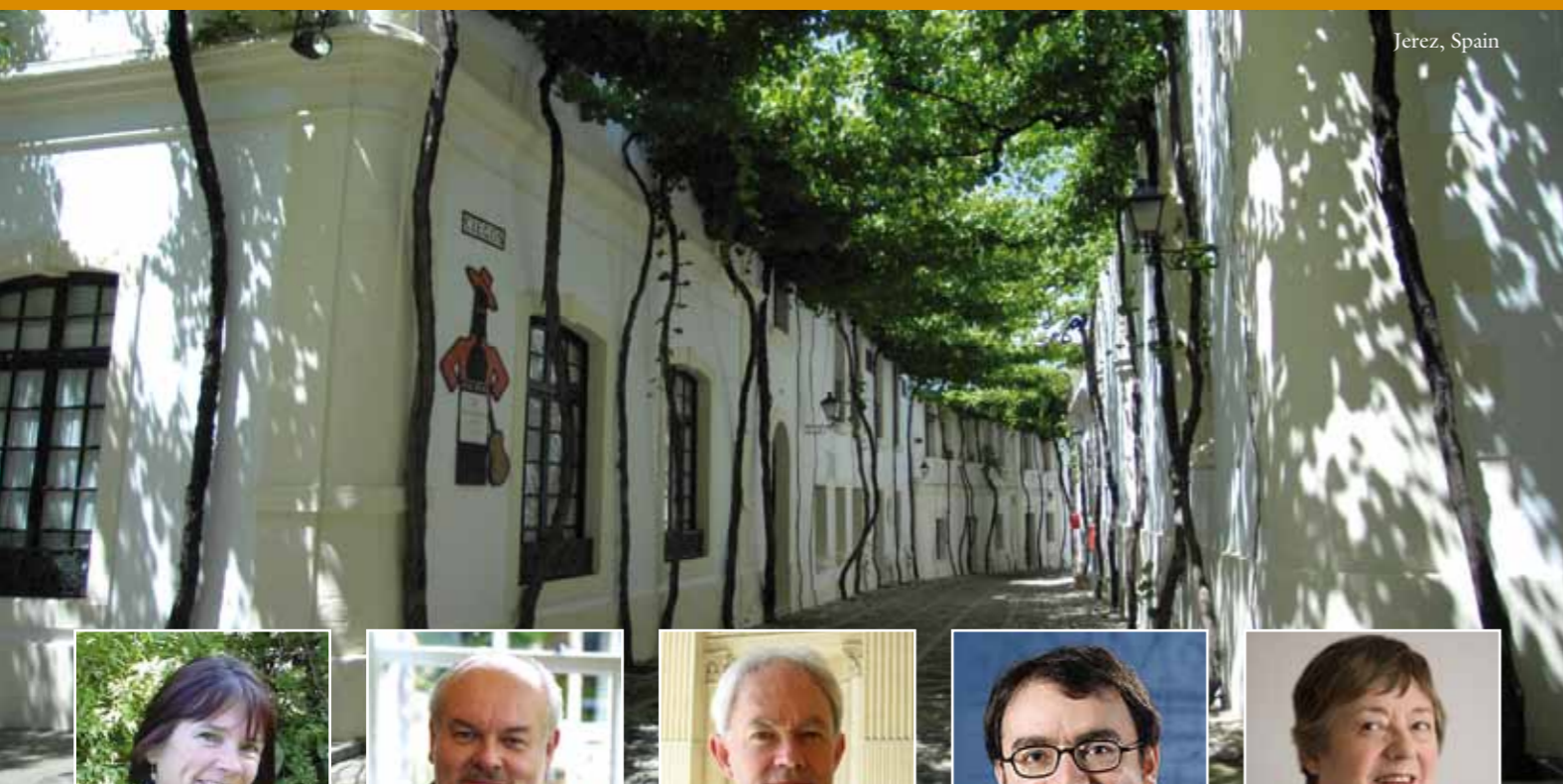


## GUEST SPEAKERS FEATURED ON THIS CRUISE



Jerez, Spain



**DR CATHY OAKES** is a lecturer and writer who specialises in the art and visual culture of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance; she has published on various aspects of Medieval art in relation to theology and devotional practices. Cathy has spent 30 years in arts education and is currently Director of the History of Art at Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education.

**THE RT REVD & RT HON DR RICHARD CHARTRES KCVO DD** is currently Bishop of London and Dean of HM Chapels Royal. Before ordination he taught Ancient History in the International School in Seville. He has also served as Gresham Professor of Divinity in the City of London and written the history of Gresham College. He has a special interest in the Roman and Medieval periods.

**PROFESSOR SIMON KEAY FSA** researches into the archaeology of the Roman Empire, with particular emphasis on trade, urbanism and culture change in the west Mediterranean basin. He is currently Principal Investigator on the AHRC-funded Roman towns in the Tiber Valley Project and, in his capacity as Research Professor at the British School at Rome, is also Director of the AHRC-funded Portus Project, which looks at the port of Imperial Rome in the context of the broader Roman Mediterranean.

**DR PHILIP DE SOUZA FRHistS** is Head of the School of Classics at University College Dublin. He specialises in ancient history, but has also published works on world and maritime history including *Piracy in the Graeco-Roman World* (1999), *Seafaring and Civilization: Maritime Perspectives on World History* (2001) and *The Ancient World at War: A Global History* (2008).

**MRS MAGGIE MCNIE M.W.** Initially trained as an actress and opera singer, Maggie entered the wine trade on a temporary basis working in quality control, marketing and Agency sales. Appointed as Product Knowledge Manager she took the various wine exams and finally became a Master of Wine in 1986. Since then she has worked as a wine consultant, speaker, writer and international wine judge. Her top speciality is champagne, and she is author of a book called *Champagne* published by Faber & Faber in October 1999.

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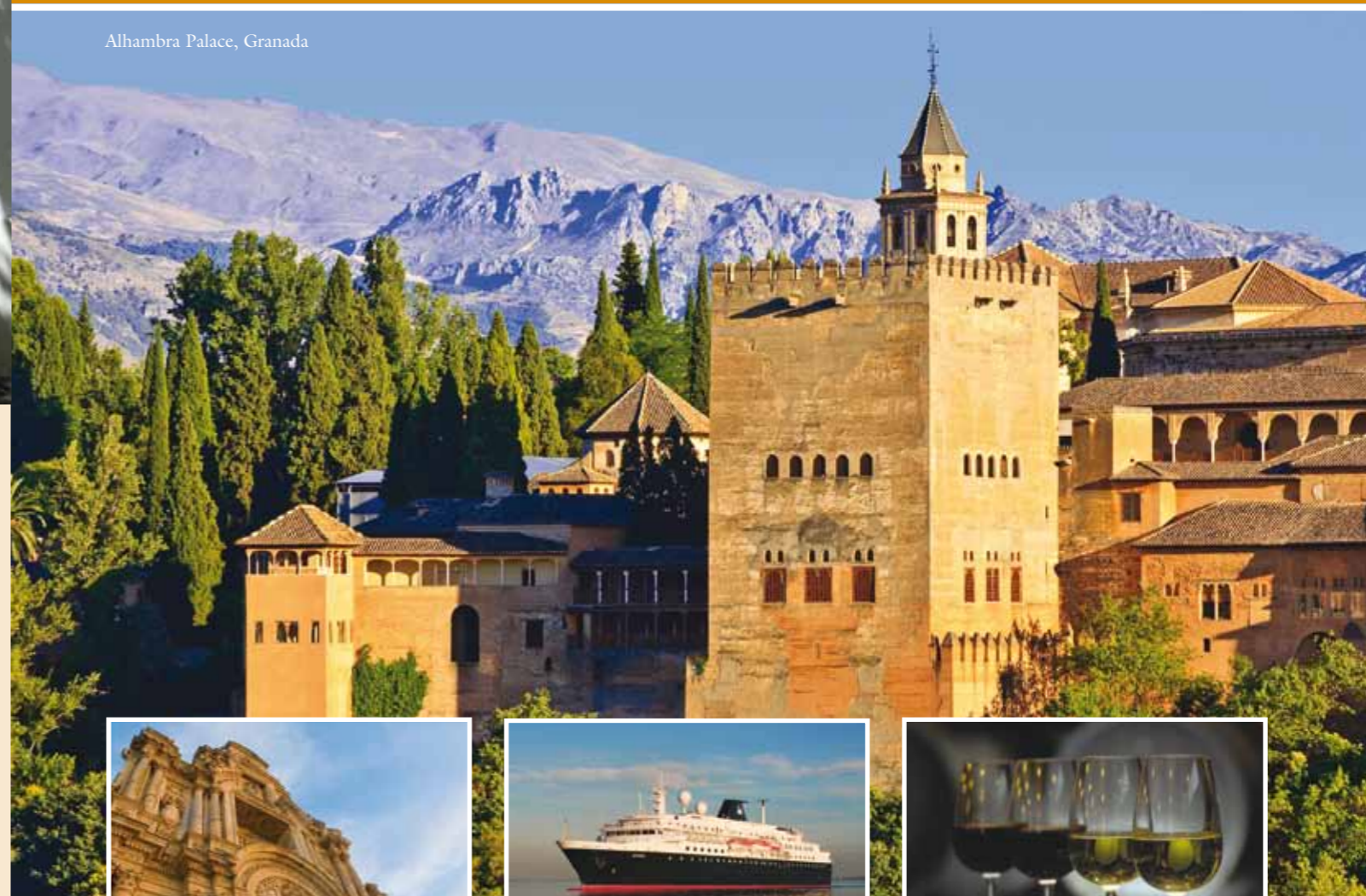


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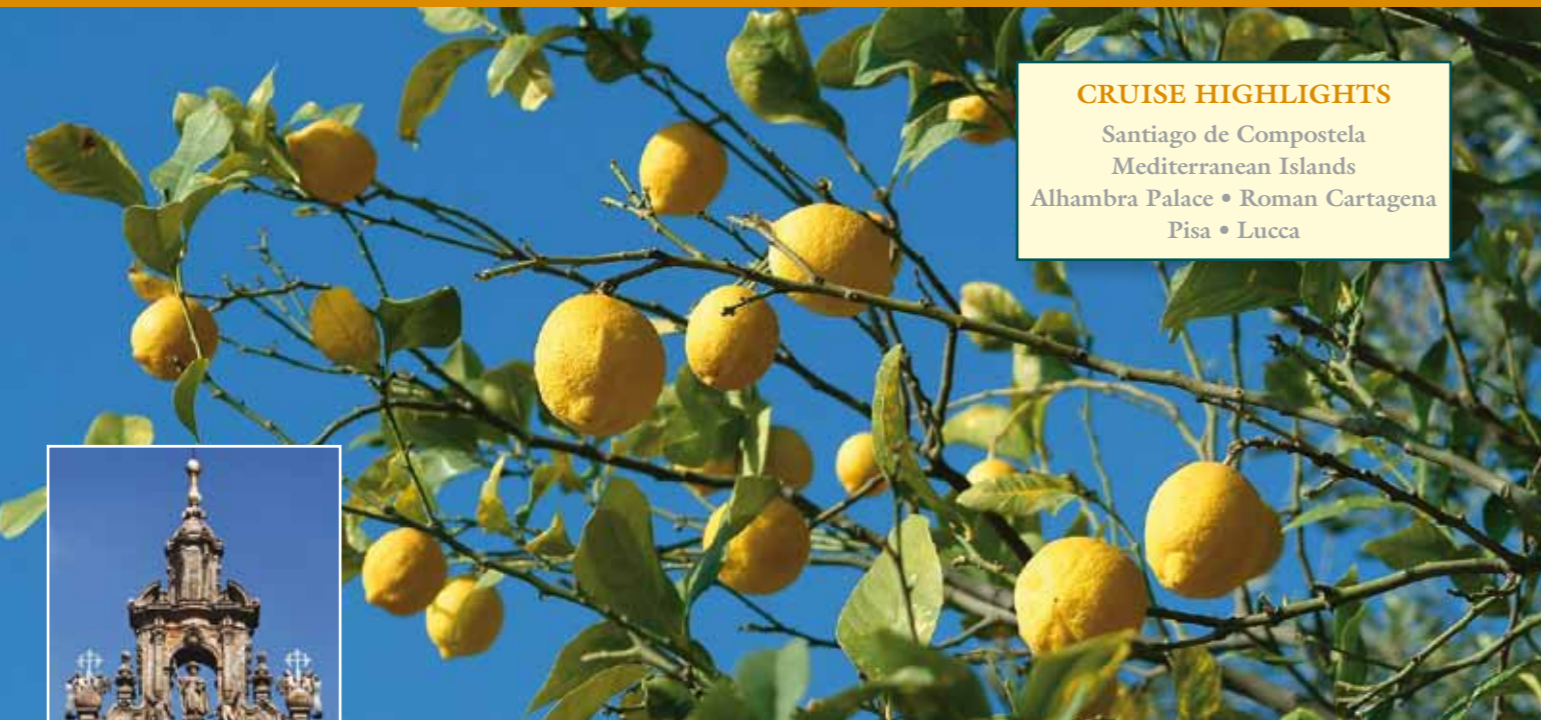
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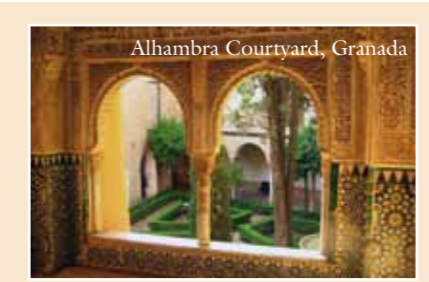
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Jerez, Spain

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Alhambra Courtyard, Granada

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Professor Simon Keay will be on hand to give a more in depth look at the lesser known Roman heritage in Spain, which endures in much of Cartagena's spectacular architecture today. You can literally delve further into this Roman influence by stepping down to visit the subterranean Casa Fortuna, the remains of a Roman villa hidden beneath street level.

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Compare the cultures of three islands in the Mediterranean – Spanish, French and Italian – and, coupled with Dr Philip de Souza's insights, observe how the settlement and history of Iberia have shaped these contrasting islands.



Lucca, Italy

## In the footsteps of the pilgrims

Visit the pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of Apostle James are believed to be buried and which thousands of pilgrims have embarked on arduous journeys across the mainland to reach. Recapturing its historical significance will be lecturer, writer and Medieval expert Dr Cathy Oakes, who will be following the pilgrim theme to La Coruña and on to Lucca and Pisa at the end of your journey.

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