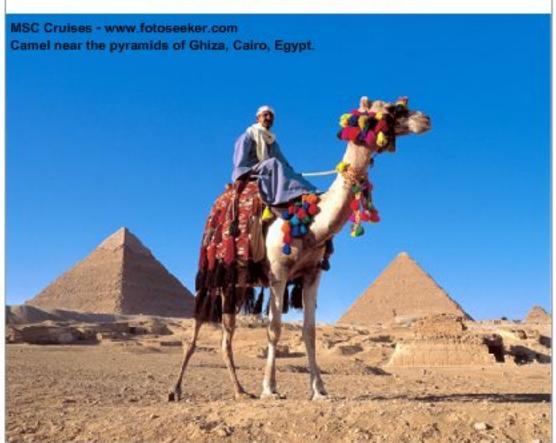
## Egypt's glorious past serves tourism trade well

By Ian Stalker

The Egyptian Tourist Authority's director for Canada says her homeland stands alone when it comes to its best-known attractions, offering sights that are unique in the world, thanks to the country's Pharaonic past.



And such storied reminders of people Pharaonic greatness as the monotheism, where Sphinx and the Pyramids are received only one side to Egypt's tourist Commandments, trade, adds Nagwa Korashy.

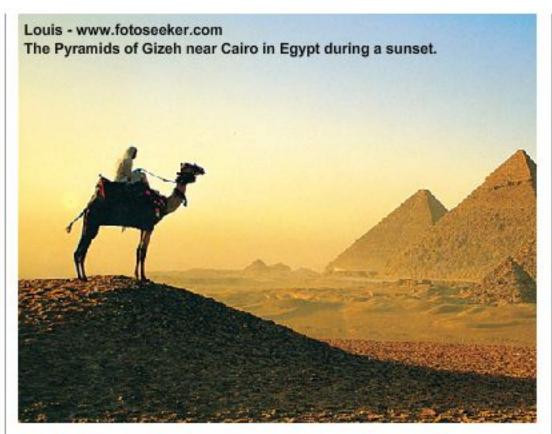
"There are some countries in the world that offer history, some that offer beaches, some that offer nightlife, and so on. But Egypt is unique," says Korashy.

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first practiced Moses the Ten where the Virgin Mary fled with her son, and where Islamic empires were headquartered for centuries."

Korashy notes Egypt also boasts some of the best beaches in the world, including premiere diving spots on the Red Sea, where the "Egypt's ancient history is color and clarity of the water, the coral reefs, and the hundreds of





species combine to form "one-of-a-kind ecosystem" that was named winner of the "world's leading dive destination" during the 2007 World Travel Awards

Egypt's pristine deserts and oases provide a glimpse of environments unchanged for centuries, continues Korashy.

"The coalescence of modern and ancient and all in between provide the traveler with a living,

found only there breathing timeline of the world. There are also a booming safari and adventure sector, ecological and wellness tourism, green hotels and resorts, premier golf courses, and more."

> further Korashy savs archeological discoveries assured in her homeland, citing the likes of the 30 mummies recently discovered in a 4,600year-old tomb 20 km south of Cairo. An archaeologist who has

made discoveries in Egypt recently stated about 1/100th of one percent of ancient Egyptian sites been uncovered. have now seems to be too high, so many more discoveries are expected. And the possibility of seeing the Egypt of long ago up close and personal is certain to thrill visitors, with Korashy noting undertake adventures as entering the Luxor-area site where

hundreds of site Tutankhamen was entombed.

said her original estimate, which "Entering the Boy King's tomb is the most mysterious, magical moment could anyone experience," she says. "And currently, there are multiple tours in Alexandria that allow the traveler to dive into the harbor of the ancient city, seeing artifacts and an underwater Alexandria previously off limits. The magic visitors to her homeland able to of Alexandria and Cleopatra's such thrilling sunken palace is on display under the Mediterranean and its sights inspire awe."

