



ABOUT THE COMPANY

Unleash the origin of your next adventure and watch us bring it to life.

We're four longtime friends designing exclusive experiences that are unfettered, unfiltered, and unlike any trip you've ever taken. Our passion for travel runs deep and our expertise is wide—from expedition leaders and submarine pilots to deep sea dive masters and private chefs.

At Origen, we do not sell tours. We build once-in-a-lifetime custom adventures. We take you to the edge, electrify your spirit and relax you with the "Pura Vida" way of life.

Travel thousands of feet in a private helicopter over a rainforest, or plunge to the ocean floor in a state-of-the-art submersible. Savor artisan brews at a coffee plantation or settle into your hammock on a secluded beach. From North to South, sea to sky, we'll immerse you in some of the world's most remote natural vistas and introduce you to the region's most colorful personalities.

Our team is personable but professional, laid-back but highly trained. We partner with the best experts. We enjoy a laugh, but we're stubborn about top-of-the-line service and tying every loose end. We are fired up about life because every day we get to wake up in paradise and create unprecedented extraordinary escapes.

BIOS

Ofer Ketter

VP Business Development & Co-founder

(Nickname: El Oso (the bear))

As a certified dive master, submersible pilot and professional globetrotter, Ofer has experienced the world from every angle while visiting over 40 countries and all seven continents. His adventures include documentary filmmaking, circumnavigating the globe aboard a super-yacht, and working as a private travel designer. Another highlight: visiting Vostok Station, the Russian scientific research center in Antarctica. One of Ofer's wildest exploits involves solo-piloting a submersible into a flooded volcanic crater in the Galapagos Islands. After serving as a First Lieutenant in the Israeli Defense Forces, Ofer dedicated his entire career to organizing exotic expeditions to some of the earth's most uncharted reaches. Still on his to do list: learn how to fly a helicopter. While exploring is in his DNA, Ofer finds happiness on Sunday mornings spent at the beach with his family. He'd loved to be remembered as the guy who did everything he was told could not be done and fulfilling his dreams without breaking his principals.

Felipe Artinano

VP Operations & Co-founder

(Nickname: Felo, Filo, Kinder)

On land or at sea, Felipe is at home in some of the world's most extreme environments: whether he's rock climbing cliffs in South America or holding his breath for four minutes while exploring the ocean floor. As a "water-man," Felipe is a dive & surf instructor, spear fisherman and free diver. He also spent several years commuting to work on the rough seas via canoe. The wildest thing he's ever done: jumping in the ocean to watch killer whales hunting a school of devil rays. On land, Felipe has found his stride as an explorer, covering nearly every corner of Costa Rica, including a memorable stint as the house guest of an indigenous shaman. Felipe dreams of living sustainably off-the-grid with his wife and daughter and loves to spend time alone in nature just to listen and learn. Achieving inner peace is Felipe's idea of success and he's always seeking to bring a dash of wellness into the wilderness.

Miguel Sánchez

VP Sales & Co-founder

(Nickname: He's still waiting for somebody to give him one)

Having grown up watching Jack Cousteau underwater documentaries, it was no surprise to Miguel that some of his favorite memories would take place under the sea. Born in Barcelona, Miguel spent the majority of his life traveling throughout Israel, England, Egypt, Italy, and Costa Rica while working as a scuba diver, videographer and dive instructor. Today he manages a private fleet of three custom-built boats designed to enhance underwater encounters with marine life. Miguel is a believer that adventure requires courage, which must be true coming from a man who free dives with humpback whales and once caught a silky shark by the caudal fin with his bare hands while scuba diving. Winston Churchill is Miguel's hero, but given the chance, he'd pass up Churchill to spend an afternoon watching Leonardo Da Vinci at work. Miguel believes that life's about enjoying the ride and tries to keep his compass pointed at destinations where nature and food are at their finest.

Sisinio Alvarado

VP Administration & Co-founder

(Nickname: Wife and daughter call him Chilito)

Costa Rica native, Sisinio Alvarado, is an underwater pioneer, having spent four years discovering, naming, and promoting some of the country's most remote diving destinations. As one of 10 brothers and sisters, Sisinio knows what it takes to manage a large crew, which made the transition to life aboard ship an easy one. He spent the better half of a decade working on dive boats and leading elite expeditions. While he relishes time in the ocean, Sisinio admits he most identifies with the land-bound puma – versatile, smart and quick on his feet. And over the years those feet have covered much territory. His travel log is filled with adventures including swimming with spinner dolphins in the Pacific and skiing down the Sierra Nevada in Spain. But he can also be found snorkeling off the coast with his two children or watching a game of futbol with his family. Sisinio believes all travelers should pack a sense of adventure and never forget: it's all about the journey.