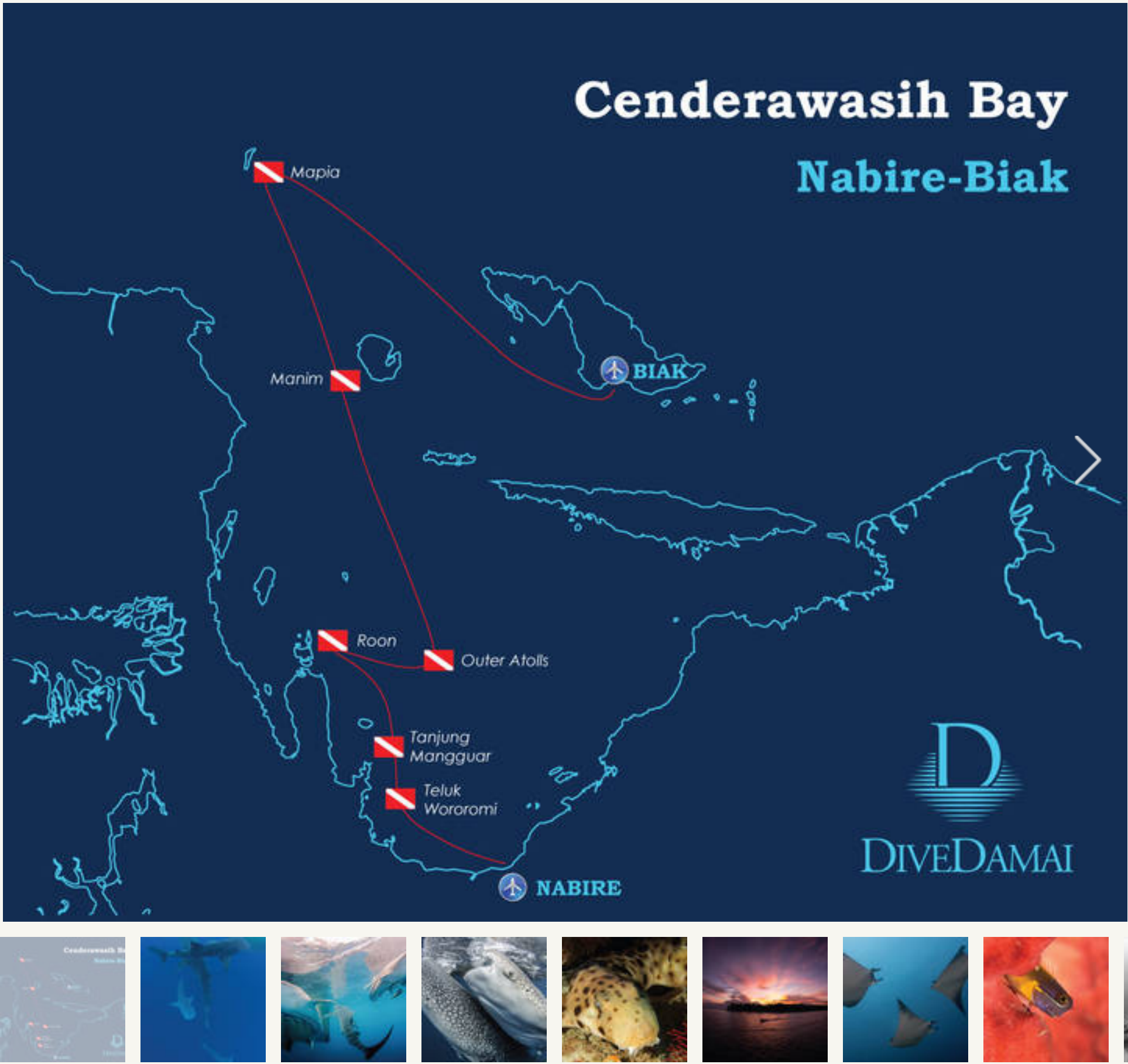


Cenderawasih Bay / Mapia



Cenderawasih Bay is famous for its resident population of whalesharks but there is also WWII history, beautiful reefs and endemic fish. Mapia sits closeby to a military base and contains underwater world that is pristine and untouched; no fisherman or tourism. Below will be the draft itinerary when you are onboard of Damai:

Day 1: Arrive into Nabire

The flight usually arrives in Nabire in the morning and you will go directly to Damai and make yourselves comfortable. We will start moving late in the afternoon towards our first destination.

No. of Dives: 0

Day 2 and 3: Teluk Wororomi

This is the Whale Shark bay and the local fishing platforms attract many of the ocean's largest fish. After local reporting is complete divers will be offered an open dive-deck so that they may spend as much time as possible in the water with these amazing creatures.

The Whale Sharks here are a resident population of pre-adolescents, mainly males, who are come to the platforms to feed on the small bait fish that sit in the nets that hang beneath. They are apparently unconcerned by divers and tirelessly circle back again and again to feed upon morsels of fish hand fed to them by the fishermen who regard them as good luck.

No. of Dives: Unlimited dives / snorkelling + 1 night dive

Day 4: Tanjung Manguar / Pulau Nusir

Tanjung Mangguar is an extensive dive site with a wall on one side and a plateau of hard corals on the other. There are some magnificent sponges and lots of plump softcorals to add some colour to the reef. This is a good chance to see some of the endemic fish species and there is a school of resident black fin barracuda.

No. of Dives: 4

Day 5: Roon

Two dive sites here offer the chance for some nice critter diving with a chance to see Boxer Crabs, colourful Notodoris nudis and maybe a Popcorn shrimp or two. Also here is an impressive Tridacna Clam sitting in the middle of a sand patch.

After lunch there is an opportunity to visit a local village and later two more dives in the area where guests might find the ever elusive Denise Pygmy seahore or maybe see a downed Japanese fighter aircraft.

No. of Dives: 4

Day 6 and 7: Outer Atolls

The outer atolls of Cenderawasih Bay are some of fishiest sites of the area, located inside the National Park. Wild Fish Ridge and Spag point are two paricular favourites. It is here that we can view so many of the endemic species that led this to be called the Galapogas of the East.

No. of Dives: 4/day

Day 8: Manim

Manim is home to calm waters and 7 sunken landing craft left behind after WWII. These are in a variety of depths from 5 to 25m and are covered in a variety of hard and soft corals.

No. of Dives: 3

Day 9 and 10: Mapia

The last atoll in Indonesian waters, very close to the border with Palau, too remote for fisherman to go, and protected by a small navy post, The combination of all these factors mean only one thing: superb diving: pristine waters, hard corals and drop offs and a tremendous amount of fish. Rare opportunity to see reefs in the way they were many years ago, and a delight to all our senses.

No. of Dives: 4/day

Day 11: Crossing

The last day we will be in the ocean crossing back from Mapia to our final destination, time to wash and dry gear, and with certainty talk about the great experiences of the trip.

No. of Dives: 0

Day 12: Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Biak and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.

DISCLAIMERS

The trip will be weather dependent and there might be long crossing required throughout. We will, try to adjust the best we can to the conditions and fulfil all itinerary briefed when you're on the boat.

Due to the need to report to the local village, divers will need to be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some of the dive sites. We will ensure that you're given timely update on this during the trip, however your understanding on last minute changes would be appreciate. This is because divers are only allowed in the water once permission is granted by the local villages and officers.

Damai are flexible to change itinerary suggested based on customer's preference in the event that weather and time allow us to do so and if changes is agreeable by all participants on board