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CENDERAWASIH BAY

11-night Manokwari to Nabire itinerary



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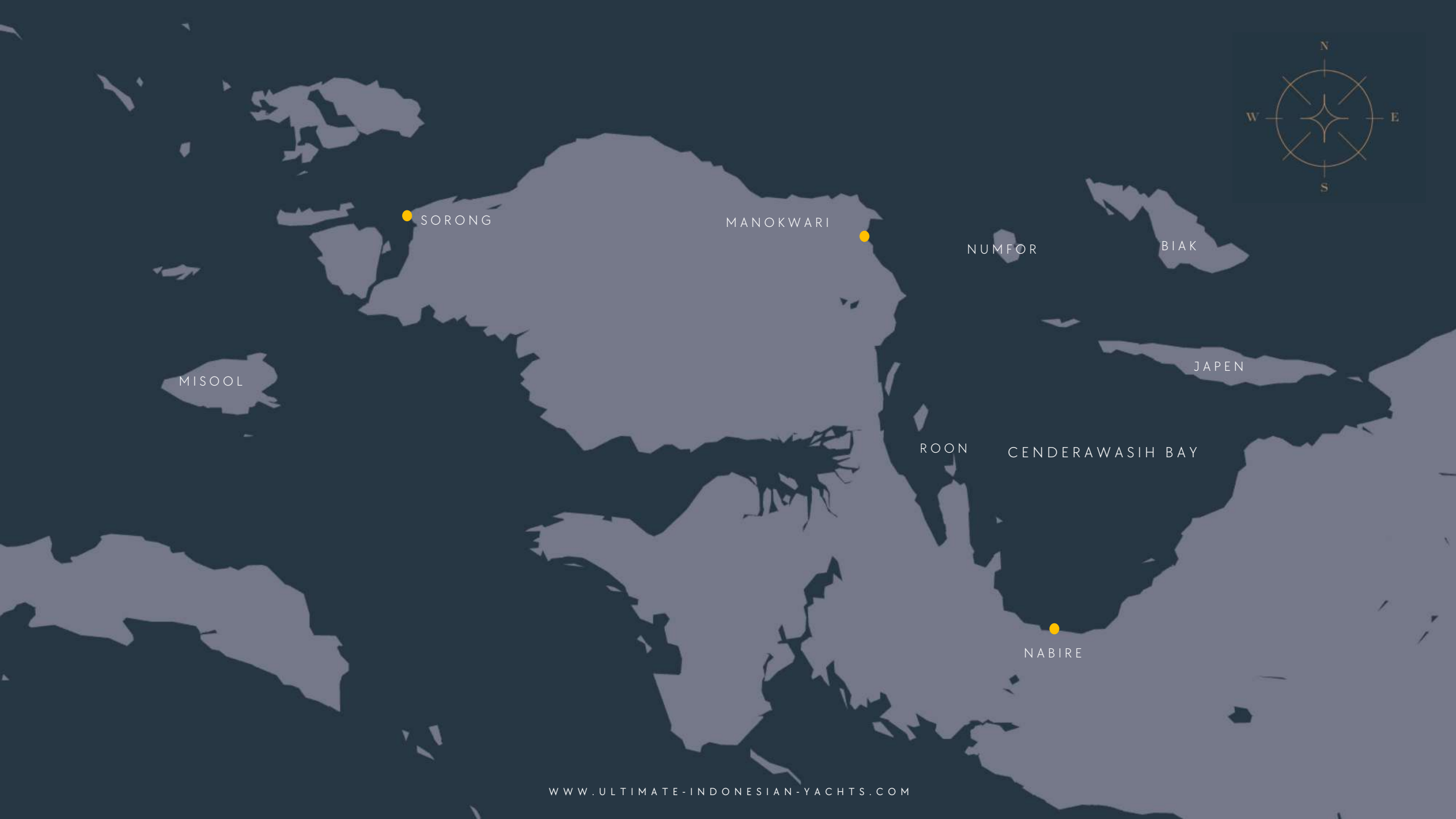
While Raja Ampat may claim most of the fame in this region, West Papua has numerous fascinating cruising grounds for those keen to get off the beaten track and explore far eastern Indonesia. To the north lies Bird's Head Peninsula and Cenderawasih Bay.

Cenderawasih Bay is located in the province of West Papua and takes the title for the largest marine national park in Indonesia. Until recently, the bay was geologically isolated from the flow of Pacific tides and still remains very sheltered, and a lower current flow through its waters results in some very interesting underwater life.

A number of colourful endemic species and some normally deep-dwelling marine species are found here in shallow water, and in terms of diving there are also interesting wrecks and sunken fighter jets from WWII. But Cenderawasih's greatest draw is its whale sharks. These gentle creatures are the largest fish in the ocean. In Cenderawasih Bay, they gather in groups among the locals' fishing platforms to feed on small fry escaping the nets.

The fishermen believe they are under the protection of the spirits, and hand feed them scraps - an amazing sight. Within this region, there are some 14,000 people living in the 72 villages within the park.





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DAY 1: MANOKWARI

You will be met by the yacht's crew at Manokwari airport and driven to the harbour, where you will be transferred to your private yacht to settle in onboard. The cruise director will explain the way in which Cenderawasih Bay trips differ from the normal routes, in that generally guests will be diving for one particular subject – the whale shark, a gentle ocean giant. Nonetheless, there is still great variety to be found on these trips, exploring the remote Papuan coastline on the way to and from the locations where the sharks gather.

DAY 2: JAPANESE WRECKS

The yacht will set sail south, giving you the chance to explore some of the local wrecks. The first wreck is a large Japanese cargo ship lying on its side at around 25 metres deep. The holds are open and allow safe limited penetration where military cargo can be found, including armaments tractors, bombs and multitudes of bottles. The highlight of the wreck diving near Manokwari is the second site on our itinerary, known as the "cross wreck." Lying upright in 20 metres of water this small wreck is encrusted in yellow and red corals. The depth charges still mounted in their racks on the stern deck, indicate she was sunk during World War 2.

DAY 3: NUMFOOR & MANIM

Pulau Numfoor is a wall and steep slope with good coral growth surrounded by bright, blue water and big fish. Baby Grey reef sharks, white tips, barracudas, tunas, big groupers, jacks, snappers can easily be spotted. The fish life is particularly good with some current running. On Manim Island are more than seven landing crafts from the war. They all sit on a white sand slope, and each one is decorated with colourful corals, at different depths between 40+ meters to a shallow 5 meters.



DAY 4: WAIRUNDI

Wairundi Island offers unspoiled reefs for great diving among an abundance of rainbow-colored reef fish. Hard and soft corals dominate the landscape while white sandy slopes feature soft sponge coral and plenty of creatures and plenty of creatures such as the Coconut crab which can reach 30cm in diameter, and the pygmy seahorse. You may also spot whitetips, blacktips, and grey reef sharks patrolling these waters.

DAY 5: MATAS & ROUW

Early this morning, the yacht will arrive at the picturesque island of Pulau Matas. This island boasts some of the best beaches in West Papua, and is perfect for relaxing ashore. Under the surface, there's the south end of Pulau Matas where a sloping wall gives way to lovely coral and fish life. Another option for a dive is Pulau Rouw, where 3 World War 2 American "P38 Lightning" fighter lies in shallow water. In the afternoon, head back ashore to explore the uninhabited island and make the most of this spectacular beach.

DAY 6: MIOSWAR & ROON

Some of the most prolific green Tubastrea hard corals of Cenderawasih grow in this area, while schools of fusiliers, bump head parrotfish and the occasional small grey reef shark can be seen. Tanjung Ayami is a gorgeous boulder dive with good coral and lots of fusiliers and barracudas. In the afternoon, head ashore to the local village for a taste of slow paced West Papuan island life. We may also do a night dive here.

DAY 7: ROON & RIBBON

Getting beneath the surface at these paradisiac islands reveals a garden of soft corals, sea fans, whips, and elephant ear sponges, while hawksbill, green turtles, barracuda, and surgeonfish can be spotted. Just off the coast of Pulau Rippon is a downed aircraft from World War 2 resting in 12m on a hard coral slope. The wings and some of the fuselage is still intact. There may also be the chance for a night dive here.





DAY 8: SODOMPARI & WANDAMMEN

A half kilometre-long reef runs west of Pulau Sodompari, which is home to great fish life when the current is powerful. Wandammen Peninsula offers a good variety of pelagic and critter action with ridges of rocks and bommies covered in colourful sea fans and soft corals, with schooling barracuda, giant trevally, fusiliers and plenty of critters to be found.

DAY 9: TANJUNG MANGGUAR

Tanjung Mangguar is one of Cenderawasih's most exciting areas for diving, with huge soft coral and sea whips decorating the reef and attracting a large number of fishes, such as barracudas, rainbow runners, jacks, sharks, and even Manta rays and Mobula rays can be spotted. There may also be the chance to try a night dive here.



DAY 10 & 11: KWATSIKORE BAY

The next two days will be spent looking for the renowned whale shark in Kwatsikore Bay. This once in a lifetime experience to dive or snorkel with these gentle giants is one of the reasons why Cenderawasih Bay is so unique. Cenderawasih's whale sharks are thought to bring good luck to the fishermen living on floating bagan platforms, and the whale sharks remain in the area to feed on scraps that pass through the fishing nets. This is an amazing opportunity to spend time around these majestic, gentle creatures.

DAY 12: NABIRE

This morning, the yacht will approach Nabire harbour. After a final decadent breakfast on deck, your crew will assist you in disembarking the yacht and transfer you back to the airport to catch your flight home.

An aerial photograph of a boat's wake in the ocean. The wake is a series of white, frothy lines that curve into a nearly complete circle, framing the central text. The water is a deep, dark teal color, and the overall image has a high-contrast, artistic feel.

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