

**Dewi Nusantara makes 27 trips a year, and each one is different, even when in the same area (like Raja Ampat or Cenderawasih), since the itineraries are adjusted based on the weather, currents, tides and guests wishes so it is not really possible to give a specific day by day itinerary for each trip but there will be 3-4 dives a day including a night dive if possible each day not including the arrival day visiting all the hot spots during the trip to offer you the best experience possible.**

**Here is a sample overview of Cenderawasih Bay: a new dive destination on the world dive map!**

Other than on Manokwari's excellent WWII wrecks, most of the diving is within Cenderawasih Bay National Park, Indonesia's largest park. This park is huge, half again larger than Raja Ampat; even a 14-day dive trip barely scratches the "surface" of this underwater wilderness.

Cenderawasih Bay, along with Raja Ampat and Triton Bay, makes up the Bird's Head Seascape. Its reefs look nothing like Raja's colourful, fish-filled reefs, nor are they similar to Triton Bay's soft coral wonderland.

Pristine and vast, the bay's reef tops comprise some of the healthiest hard coral gardens you can dive into. Dramatic vertical walls with prolific sponge life abound on the outlying atolls, schooling fish along the reef points and ridges.

Cenderawasih Bay also has a few unique features in Indonesia's pantheon of rich reefs. The bay was geologically isolated until recently, and if you look at a map, you'll see that it is still somewhat confined.

This means less current moves through Cenderawasih Bay's waters, and therefore there's less recruitment of marine larvae than in a place like Raja.

This isolation has blessed Cenderawasih with several very colourful endemic species.

Perhaps even more interesting is that many normally deep-dwelling fish species are found here in relatively shallow water.

This topsy-turvy reefscape, along with the presence of the world's largest fish, the whale shark, prompted Dr Gerald Allen to call Cenderawasih Bay "the Galapagos of Indonesia's Reefs".