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Surfing Destinations in Nias Island

Nias is an isolated paradise for those seeking the waves. An archipelago with some of the best surfing spots in the world – Nias is situated in North Sumatera. Every year, tourists from around the globe come to Sorake and Lagundry bays to test the legendary point break. International surfing competitions are held every year.

It was the Australians who discovered that Sumatera has many potential spots for surfing in 1975. The world-class waves have made Nias, the 2nd best surfing destination after Hawaii. In 1993, the first international championship for surfers was held in Sorake Bay.

Before it was a famous surfing destination, Nias was only a sleepy island visited by the archaeologists and anthropologists who studied the culture and history. The booming of its beautiful bays have created a new attraction – and improved the island's developments from accommodations to eateries. Despite the international tourist flocks that influence the island's infrastructures, Nias still holds its authenticity.

Sorake Bay

Situated at Teluk Dalam district, Sorake bay is a hidden gem for right and left handers. The waves have constant flows with a height up to 5 meters and it's a perfect place for beginners and pros. This is why surfers love the condition because it is never affected by tides or winds – it's an all-day surfing in Nias. However, people can expect high waves from May to September. The international surfing competition is usually held between the months of June and July.

Many surfcamps are established near the bay. They are packed with basic amenities to cater surfers' needs. For a wave-searching experience, Nias does give an ample of excitement. Not to mention, the whole area is an ideal place to explore Indonesia's traditional culture with its uniqueness and authenticity.

Lagundri Bay

Before it rings any bell for wave searchers, Lagundri was a sleepy village undiscovered. However, today things have changed. Lagundri is known for its incredible waves. The earthquake in 2004 has shifted the bay into better shape as the reefs rose impeccably high. The swells are consistent – making it perfect for advanced surfers. The sandy beach of Lagundri is also a perfect setting to wander around or simply relaxing under the palm trees.