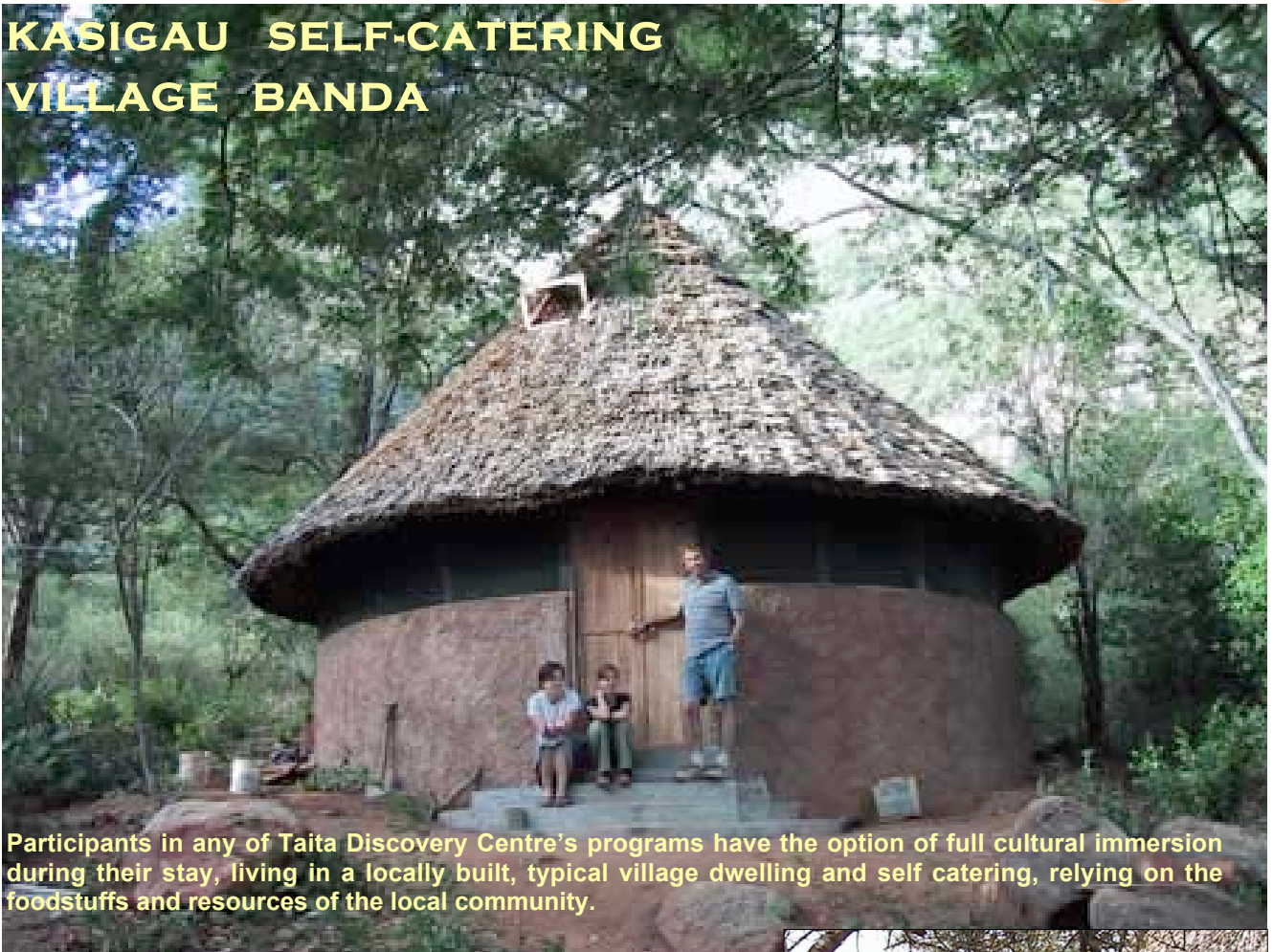


## KASIGAU SELF-CATERING VILLAGE BANDA



Participants in any of Taita Discovery Centre's programs have the option of full cultural immersion during their stay, living in a locally built, typical village dwelling and self catering, relying on the foodstuffs and resources of the local community.

Each so-called 'banda' (hut or rondavel cottage) is fairly basic but adequately furnished. Each banda sleeps up to 4 people in 2 bedrooms, each room has 2 bunk beds. Simple, shared bathroom facilities are in a separate building adjacent to the banda. The bathroom has a basic shower (cold water) and a pit-latrine style toilet. There is a solar panel on the thatched roof to power the radio, which maintains contact with TDC.

Participants may share a banda between them but will not have to share a room. There is mosquito netting covering the space from wall to roof, and a shared sitting/dining area with simple wooden frame chairs and a low table and the use of a charcoal stove for cooking and kerosene lamps for lighting. The banda has a padlock but is not secure and no valuables should be stored there.

There are basic local eating kiosks and stalls within the villages, some of which serve chapattis and soup and locally grown vegetables are usually available as well as maize flour ('posho') and a few other staples from the local market in each village. Self-catering can be done using the outside stove at the banda or arrangements can be negotiated direct with villagers for some kind of basic catering service.

The accommodation is typical of the area and is part of the cultural immersion experience rather than a tourist facility.

