



Fact Sheet

Overview

The Dopoi Center is an Indigenous led tourism center & community organizing hub located on Maasai community land, a 10-minute drive from the entrance of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve and a short drive to Talek, Kenya. With a wide selection of accommodation options, many community-led lessons and activities, and quick access to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, Dopoi is perfectly equipped to support you in stepping into a new kind of tourism experience. To learn more, [view our website](#) and [download our Handbook](#).

Access

By plane:

The Dopoi Center is just a short drive from the Olkiambo airstrip, a short 50-minute flight from Nairobi. If you arrive here, we can send a vehicle to pick you up.

By road: The Dopoi Center is located just outside Talek, Kenya, and is approximately 6 hours south of Nairobi International Airport (NBO) by car. Roads in the area can be rough, so we are happy to share detailed instructions, arrange an escort, or organize transportation for your trip.

Climate

We are experiencing changing weather patterns and temperature fluctuation, so your best strategy is to bring layers. At Dopoi, temperatures can fluctuate in a day between 90F to 60F at night. Remember, we are on the equator, the sun is powerful, so bring a hat! [Click here to access our handbook for more info.](#)



Experiences

- Wildlife drives into the Maasai Mara Game Reserve led by local Maasai guides
- Lessons on Maasai traditional knowledge, wildlife coexistence, and conservation
- Maasai beading lessons
- Local medicinal plant walks taught by Maasai guides
- Walks with Maasai guides and rangers into the Maasai Mara to view wildlife on foot
- Maasai language and cultural exchange programs
- Balloon Ride over the Maasai Mara
- Cocktail hour overlooking the Mara
- Maasai Museum of History, Culture, and Conservation tour
- Many more activities, lessons, and cultural exchange opportunities are available!

Amenities

- 24-hour security
- Free Wi-Fi can be accessed in the office/classroom area and all accommodations, excluding the Bandas/Executive Bandas.
- Gift Shop with Maasai-made jewelry, artwork, and more.
- We unfortunately cannot accept credit cards, but there's an ATM available in nearby Talek that dispenses Kenyan shillings and USD.
- Many rooms and most public spaces are accessible to mobility devices.
- All en-suite rooms have private bathrooms with showers and electrical outlets.
- Mosquito netting in all bedrooms.
- Electric fans available on request.
- Daily laundry service available by request for a small charge.
- Conference facilities are available upon request.

Your stay includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner. *If you have dietary needs and have not communicated with us, please contact us immediately so we can accommodate you.*

Not Included:

Maasai Mara Game Reserve Park entrance fees, airport transfers, balloon rides, beverages, purchases at the bar, and any additional payable activities.

While these items are not included in your booking, we are happy to assist you with making arrangements for park fees, balloon rides, and anything else you may need for your stay with us at Dopoi Center.



Accommodations

Dopoi can welcome over 60 people for an overnight stay, in both luxury and more modest accommodations. Below, you'll find a short description of each accommodation type.

The Nashipae House is a private villa with two bedrooms (double/queen beds, en-suite bathrooms), a kitchen, living room, and outdoor dining, plus solar power and full-board meals - perfect for a home away from home.

The Villas offer luxurious accommodations with queen beds, solar power, en-suite bathrooms, and private porches - all on a full-board basis for a premium stay.

The Fig Tree Cottages offer spacious, solar-powered studios with two beds, kitchenettes, and private porches - all on a full-board basis (three daily meals), with special rates available for extended research stays.

The Family Cottages are perfect for large families and groups. These two spacious solar-powered bandas sleep up to 12 guests each with en-suite bathrooms and a shared view porch - all inclusive with three daily meals.

The Bandas are hostel style accommodations charged per bed. These are well-suited for groups or budget travelers. Our six solar-powered bandas offer 23 beds total, shared detached bathrooms, laundry, and outdoor spaces - all with full-board meals. Bandas can be arranged to contain 2-4 twin beds.

Occupancy Rules: All rooms are **non-smoking**, but smokers can be accommodated in designated spaces outside.

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