

## Conference Hotel

### **Irene Country Lodge, Autograph Collection®**

With lakeside views rivalling most paintings, Irene Country Lodge Autograph Collection is a luxury upmarket hotel with spacious accommodations, dining and conference venues, and a pampering spa. Winding down the oak-lined lane where cows graze in green pastures, you will arrive at a haven of peace and tranquillity in the hub of South Africa's economic heartland.

Nestling in Irene, the Irene Country Lodge, Autograph Collection is centrally located between Johannesburg and Pretoria and is a mere 25-minute drive from OR Tambo International Airport. Stay longer or arrive earlier and play golf, go for a self-guided bird or tree spotting walk, a game walk at Rietvlei Nature Reserve and much more.



If you choose to stay at Irene Country Lodge, please note that the hotel has implemented a cashless policy to create a safer environment for our guests. Therefore, we only accept all major credit/debit cards.

Room charges to choose from:

Standard Single Room (per night) R 2 400.00 (includes breakfast for 1 person)

Standard Sharing Room (per night) R 2 873.00 (includes breakfast for 2 people)

To book your accommodation, please get in touch with the following representatives:

Contact: Elizabeth Dube  
Tel: +27 12 667 6464  
Email: [elizabethd@irencountrylodge.co.za](mailto:elizabethd@irencountrylodge.co.za)

Contact: Yoliswa Tsotsetsi  
Tel: +27 12 667 6464  
Email: [yoliswat@irencountrylodge.co.za](mailto:yoliswat@irencountrylodge.co.za)

### **Additional accommodation options**

If you choose not to stay at Irene Country Lodge, you can take advantage of any of the following special rates negotiated by the organising committee for ISQOLS attendants. All of the locations are close to Irene Country Lodge.

#### **River Meadow Manor**

River Meadow Manor is a luxurious boutique lodge 3.1 km away from Irene Country Lodge.

Contact: [info@rmmanor.co.za](mailto:info@rmmanor.co.za)  
Tel: +27 12 667 9660  
Email: [reception@rmmanor.co.za](mailto:reception@rmmanor.co.za)

Standard Single Room (per night) R 1 650 (includes breakfast for 1 person)  
Standard Sharing Room (per night) R 1 895 (include breakfast for 2 people)

#### **The Centurion Hotel**

Centrally located between Johannesburg and Pretoria, The Centurion Hotel is 5.1 km from Irene Country Lodge. The hotel provides easy access to Johannesburg and Pretoria and is within easy walking distance of the Centurion Gautrain station.

Contact: Ms Penny Mbobo  
Tel: +27 12 643 3600  
Email: [pmbobo@legacyhotels.co.za](mailto:pmbobo@legacyhotels.co.za)

Standard Single Room (per night) R 1 290.00 (includes breakfast for 1 person)  
Standard Sharing Room (per night) R 1 450.00 (includes breakfast for 2 people)

#### **ANEW Hotel Centurion Pretoria**

Set in the business hub of Centurion, Pretoria, near multiple businesses and the Gautrain station, ANEW Hotel Centurion is 5.4 km from Irene Country Lodge. Adjacent to the Centurion Mall, guests of ANEW Hotel Centurion can explore the various stores, eateries, and boutiques this centre offers.

Contact: Ms Busisiwe Mabena  
Tel: +27 12 004 0220  
Email: [centurionres@anewhotels.co.za](mailto:centurionres@anewhotels.co.za)

The booking reference code to quote when making the booking is 1934528.

Standard Single Room (per night) R 1 400.00 (includes breakfast for 1 person)  
Standard Sharing Room (per night) R 1 600.00 (includes breakfast for 2 people)

## **Road Lodge Centurion**

The Road Lodge Centurion is conveniently located in the Centurion Gate Centre in Pretoria and is 3.6 km from Irene Country Lodge. It has access to Centurion Mall, major highways and a beautiful lake.

Contact: Ms Mariska von Richter  
Tel: +27 12 641 0400  
Email: [rlcenturion.gm@clhg.com](mailto:rlcenturion.gm@clhg.com)

Standard Single Room (per night) R 970.00 (includes breakfast for 1 person)  
Standard Sharing Room (per night) R 1 090.00 (includes breakfast for 2 people)

## **Transport to Irene Country Lodge**

When arriving at OR Tambo International Airport, there are four primary ways of reaching Irene Country Lodge: shuttle, Uber, Gautrain and driving yourself.

### **1. Shuttle**

EZ Shuttle is a convenient transportation solution between the airport and Irene Country Lodge. You can contact them by phone or email or download the App from your App store to arrange pick-up and drop-off dates and times.

Phone: +27 (0) 861 397 488  
Email: [info@ezshuttle.co.za](mailto:info@ezshuttle.co.za)  
Website: <https://www.ezshuttle.co.za>  
Download the [iOS](#) and Android App from your App Store

### **2. Uber**

Uber, a ridesharing company, is available in South Africa. You can contact them by phone or email or download the App from your App store to arrange pick-up and drop-off dates and times.

Phone: +27 800172956  
Website: [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com)  
Download the [iOS](#) and [Android](#) App from your App Store

### **3. Gautrain**

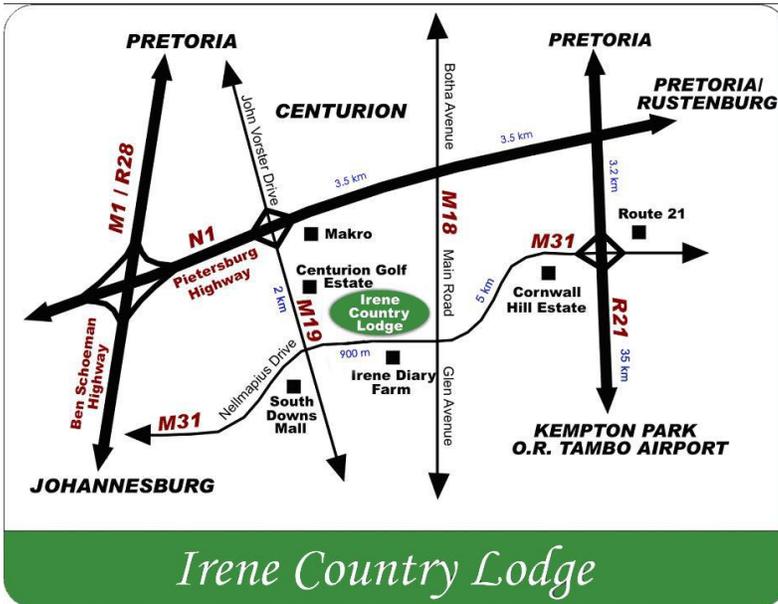
Gautrain is an 80-kilometre (50-mile) higher-speed express commuter rail system in Gauteng, South Africa, which links Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kempton Park and O. R. Tambo International Airport.

To travel to Irene Country Lodge from O.R. Tambo, take the Gautrain (station is in O. R Tambo), the East/West line - ride 2 stops to Marlboro, transfer to North/South lane (1 minute walk – platforms are opposite one another) ride 2 stops, arrive at Centurion Gautrain station. Take a taxi from Gautrain station's car park. There are friendly staff that will assist you or organize a shuttle service with Irene Country Lodge (from Centurion Gautrain Station to Irene Country Lodge is 5 km).

Email: [info@gautrain.co.za](mailto:info@gautrain.co.za)  
Website: [www.gautrain.co.za](http://www.gautrain.co.za)  
Download the [iOS](#) and [Android App](#) from your App Store (\*\*use the App)

#### 4. Driving yourself

If you choose to drive yourself to Irene Country Lodge, please see the directions below.



Tel: +27 12 6676464

GPS Coordinates: 25 52'34" S  
28 12'39" E

### **DIRECTIONS FROM OR TAMBO AIRPORT (off-peak periods):**

Please note that Nellmapius Drive gets extremely busy most of the day. It is advisable to use the alternative route mentioned below:

- Take the R21 from OR TAMBO Airport towards Pretoria.
- Take the M31 off-ramp onto Nellmapius Drive, Irene.
- At the stop sign, turn left onto Nellmapius Drive.
- Continue on Nellmapius Drive, passing under a bridge until you reach a 4-way Stop.
- Continue straight, cross the next stop sign and head towards a roundabout. Irene Dairy will be on your left-hand side.
- Continue straight until you reach the third roundabout; Irene Country Lodge is on your right.

### **DIRECTIONS FROM OR TAMBO AIRPORT (peak periods):**

- Take the R21 from OR TAMBO Airport towards Pretoria.
- Take the Ben Schoeman Highway (N1) split road to your left towards Johannesburg.
- Take the second off-ramp, John Vorster Drive.
- At the end of the off-ramp, turn right.
- Continue with John Vorster Drive, crossing 4 traffic lights towards Irene.
- At the 5th traffic light, turn left. There will be a golf course on the left-hand side.
- Irene Country Lodge is situated approximately 900m on the left-hand side next to the roundabout.

### **DIRECTIONS FROM JOHANNESBURG:**

- Take the Ben Schoeman Highway (N1) from Johannesburg towards Pretoria.
- Take the Pietersburg Highway split.
- Take the first off-ramp, John Vorster Drive.
- At the end of the off-ramp, turn right.
- Continue with John Vorster Drive, crossing 4 traffic lights towards Irene.
- At the 5th traffic light, turn left. There will be a golf course on the left-hand side.
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## **Day Tours and Overnight Tours & Safaris**

### **Ulysses Tours and Safaris**

Ulysses Tours and Safaris, based in Centurion (Gauteng Province), is an incoming tour operator specialising in tailor-made itineraries of tours or safaris for up-market FITs, groups, incentives and pre-and post-conference tours. In short, Ulysses Tours offers general transport, an airport shuttle service, and a variety of day and overnight tours.

Please take a moment to browse through their tours [here](#).

## **Shopping**

South Africa is known for delivering the best shopping experiences. Close to Irene Country Lodge, you are spoilt for choice between Irene Village Mall, Centurion Mall and Southdowns Shopping Centre.

Irene Village Mall <https://irenevillagemall.co.za/>

Centurion Mall <https://irenevillagemall.co.za/>

Southdowns Shopping Centre <https://southdownscentre.co.za/>

## **Visa Information**

Here is some helpful information before setting off on your travels.

Most non-South Africans wishing to enter South Africa must have a valid visa, which states the purpose and duration of the visit.

It's important to remember that South Africa's requirements for entry differ from country to country and can change at any time.

Allow sufficient time to obtain your visa, as there can be delays in the application.

## **South African Visa Requirements for Overseas Visitors**

### **Applying for a South African Visa**

## Visiting South Africa



### **South Africa**

With stunning the best safari options, coastlines, dramatic mountainscapes, huge areas of untamed bushveld, starkly beautiful semi-deserts, lakes, waterfalls, spectacular canyons, forests, and wide plains. South Africa offers "a world in one country" with its abundance of top-rated accommodations and bountiful game parks, farmlands, vineyards, and pristine beaches.

**Population:** 61,45 million in 2022

**Capital cities:** Pretoria (executive capital), Bloemfontein (judicial capital), Cape Town (legislative capital)

**Currency:** South African Rand (ZAR). Always ensure you have cash on you as some smaller shops won't accept cards, plus you'll need it for tips.

**Time Zone:** South African Standard Time (GMT+2)

Emergency numbers: 112 (for any emergency from a cell phone), 10111 (for police response only), 10177 (for ambulance response only)

**Official language:** South Africa has 11: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, SiSwati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, and Zulu!

Taxis in South Africa: You can use Uber in South Africa if you have the App. Taxis are pretty cheap, but make sure you use a metered taxi or agree on a price before you get in the taxi.

**Health requirements for entry to South Africa:** yellow fever vaccination certificate (only for travellers coming from certain African and Latin American countries), comprehensive travel insurance (recommended). Other vaccinations and medications may be recommended depending on the areas you plan to visit, so make sure to make an appointment with your local GP or travel clinic before you go. Malaria tablets are normally recommended if you visit Kruger National Park.

## What type of plug does South Africa use?



The type N socket and plug are the official standard in South Africa. Type C plugs are also official, but not type C sockets. However, this does not pose a problem since type C plugs are 100% compatible with type N sockets. The older type M standard is being phased out but is still ubiquitous.

Weather South Africa enjoys a temperate and pleasant climate, with warm sunny days most of the year. The southern hemisphere's seasons are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere, so our Summer runs from November to February, when most of the country is characterised by warm to hot weather.

South African Tourism: <https://www.southafrica.net>

South Africa at a Glance: <https://www.southafrica.net/za/en/travel/category/what-you-need-to-know>