With lakeside views that rival most paintings, African Pride Irene Country Lodge, Autograph Collection is a luxury upmarket hotel with spacious, luxury accommodations, fine dining, conference, function and wedding venues, and a spa. Winding down the oak-lined lane where cows graze in green pastures, you will arrive at a haven of peace and tranquility in the hub of South Africa’s economic heartland. Nestling in Irene, the African Pride Irene Country Lodge is centrally located between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and a mere 25-minute drive from O.R. Tambo International Airport. The area has a rich cultural heritage and many national leaders and historic figures have left their mark in Irene. Smuts House is the restored home of General Jan Smuts, a former Prime Minister of South Africa and world statesman. This historical site, as well as other places of interest, can be found in Irene.