

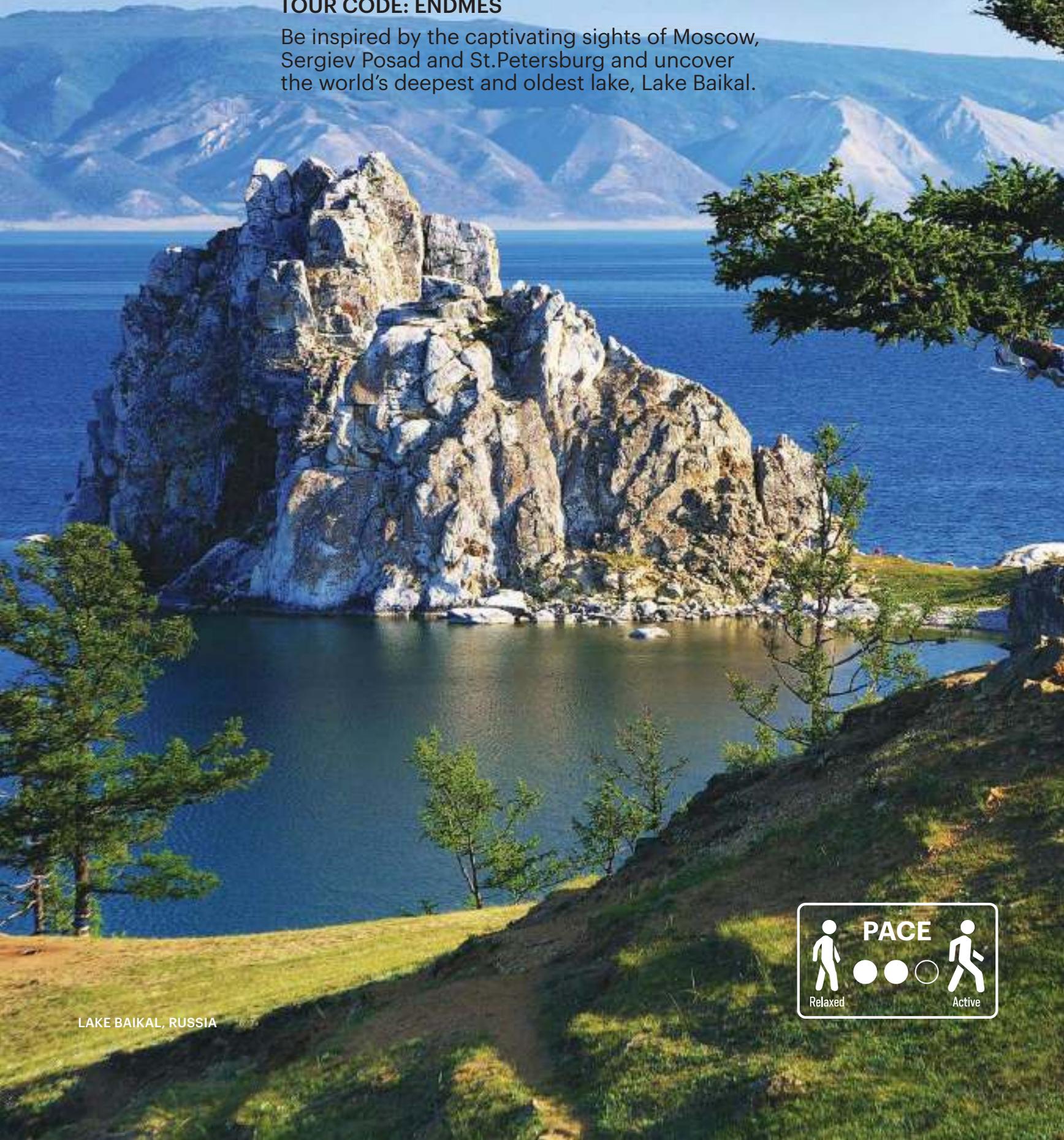
PREMIUM

13D10N

ENCHANTING RUSSIA + LAKE BAIKAL

TOUR CODE: ENDMES

Be inspired by the captivating sights of Moscow, Sergiev Posad and St.Petersburg and uncover the world's deepest and oldest lake, Lake Baikal.



PACE

Relaxed Active

HIGHLIGHTS

RUSSIA

MOSCOW

- State Circus
- Moscow Kremlin
- Cathedral Square
- Assumption Cathedral
- Annunciation Cathedral
- Archangel's Cathedral
- Tsar Bell
- Tsar Cannon
- Red Square
- St. Basil's Cathedral
- GUM Department Store
- Moscow Metro tour
- Izmailovo Market

SERGIEV POSAD

- Trinity Sergius Lavra
- Matryoshka Doll Factory

IRKUTSK

- Lake Baikal
- Taltsy Village
- Circum Baikal Railway Train

ST. PETERSBURG

- Peterhof
- State Hermitage Museum
- Winter Palace
- St. Isaac's Cathedral
- Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood
- Pushkin
- Catherine Park & Palace
- Grand Orangerie Restaurant
- Podvorye – folk show and Russian dinner

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

- 9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners

4★ HOTELS

MOSCOW AZIMUT Hotel Smolenskaya

IRKUTSK Hotel

LISTVYANKA Hotel

ST. PETERSBURG Courtyard by Marriott

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.

SPECIAL INCLUSION

- 2 special dining experience
- Moscow State Circus



DAY 1 HOME ► MOSCOW

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **Moscow**, capital of **Russia**.

DAY 2 MOSCOW

Meals on Board

Upon arrival, enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure. Partygoers and fans of revelry will find plenty to enjoy within the city's burgeoning night scene, and the constantly evolving nightlife turn your night into a unique experience you won't soon forget.

Note: If you are taking the morning flight, it will become 12D10N instead.

DAY 3 MOSCOW

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Kick off the day with an exhilarating adventure to the **Moscow Kremlin**, an old fortified complex in the heart of Moscow that has housed generations of Russia's rulers and remains as the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation to this day. Home to some of the most beautiful Russian Orthodox monuments, make your way to the **Cathedral Square** to find some of the most magnificent churches that have each played their part in history. Gaze in wonder at the architectural masterpieces of the **Assumption Cathedral**, the **Annunciation Cathedral** and the **Archangel's Cathedral**, as well as the **Tsar Bell** and the **Tsar Cannon** that are displayed on the grounds of the Kremlin. Then

we will go on a sightseeing tour of the unique Russian city, which will bring you to view the **Red Square**, **St. Basil's Cathedral**, and the **GUM Department Store**. As dusk falls, prepare yourself for a night of entertainment with a performance by the world-famous **Moscow State Circus**.

DAY 4 MOSCOW ► SERGIEV POSAD ► MOSCOW

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Take a side trip out of Moscow and head to the pilgrim town of **Sergiev Posad**, founded by the country's most revered monk, St. Sergius of Radonezh. Pay a visit to the **Trinity Sergius Lavra**, the most important landmark of this town as well as one of the most important monasteries of the Russian Orthodox Church. Then visit a **Matryoshka Doll Factory** to learn about the production of these traditional nesting 'Trinity' toys.

DAY 5 MOSCOW ► IRKUTSK

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After lunch, embark on a Moscow Metro Ride, one of the most elaborate transport systems and beautiful railways in the world. We will also visit the **Izmailovo Market**, located not far from Partizanskaya metro station, where you can find original, peculiar, old fashioned articles steeped in history. Tonight, we will take a flight to **Irkutsk**, a city on the Angara River in eastern **Siberia, Russia**. It is also known as the gateway of Lake Baikal.

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St. Basil's Cathedral and Spassky Tower on Red Square in Moscow

DAY 6 IRKUTSK > LISTVYANKA

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Arrive in **Irkutsk** in the morning and start with a sightseeing city tour. Enroute we will stop by an **open-air museum** of wooden architecture located in **Taltsy Village**. This reconstructed Siberian village consists of a number of buildings that were threatened with flooding when the Irkutsk Dam. Then we will depart to **Listvyanka**, a small town in Oblast on the shores of **Lake Baikal**.

DAY 7 LISTVYANKA > IRKUTSK

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today, take the **Circum Baikal Railway Train** from Baikal Port. This is the most beautiful section of the **Siberian Railway**. Admire the oldest lake in the world - Lake Baikal, stop by the many picturesque lakeside town stations with Siberian characteristics. We will end in **Irkutsk Railway Station** where we will be transferred back to the hotel for the night.

DAY 8 IRKUTSK > ST PETERSBURG

Breakfast

Take a flight to **Saint Petersburg**, the second largest city in Russia. Tonight, consider an optional tour to a top Russian ballet company performing fantastic tales like *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *The Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Romeo and Juliet* or *Giselle*. Russian ballet dates back to the 17th century, during the reign of Peter the Great. The breathtaking setting, the beauty of the ballet and the historic atmosphere ensure a truly memorable evening.

DAY 9 ST PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Enjoy a St. Petersburg city tour, which will bring you the sights of the **Kazan Cathedral**, **St. Isaac's Cathedral** and the **Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood**. The **State Hermitage Museum** is the next on the must-visit list, which comprises of five buildings that were formerly the residence of the Tsars. Home to one of the finest art collections in the world, the bulk of the vast collection can be found in the grand **Winter Palace**.

DAY 10 ST PETERSBURG > PETERHOF > PUSHKIN > ST PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Lunch, Folk Show Dinner

Pay a visit to **Peterhof**, an imperial estate situated just west of St. Petersburg that is often referred as the 'Russian Versailles'. Marvel at the magnificent palaces, their richly decorated interiors, and beautiful fountains adorned with gold statues of ancient Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. Complete your visit with a lunch at the **Grand Orangerie Restaurant**. After leaving Peterhof, head to the town of **Pushkin**, a picturesque suburb in St. Petersburg. The Catherine Park, an inseparable part of the ensemble and a very poetic place, is a work of creative labor spanning several generations of talented Russian architects. During the **Catherine Palace** excursion, you will get to know about the mysterious history the **Amber Room** and see its splendid interiors, designed by eminent architects and recently restored. At night, enjoy a **folk show and dinner with unlimited vodka and wine at the authentic Russian restaurant – Podvorye**, where President Putin held his 50th birthday celebration.

DAY 11 ST PETERSBURG

Breakfast

Spend the day at your leisure today. Alternatively, you can choose to join an optional day full-trip to Veliky Novgorod. A capital of Russia in the 9th century, this UNESCO-listed city consists of well-preserved medieval buildings and churches. Explore the riverside Kremlin with its St. Sophia Cathedral, see fresco-coated churches, and stroll around the reconstructed buildings of the open-air Wooden Architecture Museum, which was built without nails.

DAY 12 ST PETERSBURG > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 13 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursion:

- (St Petersburg) Russian Ballet from USD 120
- (St Petersburg) Veliky Novgorod Day Tour: USD 150

These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.

Tipping Guideline: (based on 13D10N)

- USD 120 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size is required for a confirmed departure: 10 passengers (without tour leader), 15 passengers & above (with tour leader)
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.