

Invited Guests

- A dance for couple facing couple 40-bar waltzes
- 1-4 Joining nearer hands with partner, balance forwards and backwards twice.
- 5-8 Turn person opposite once round giving right hands.
- 9-12 Joining nearer hands with opposite, balance forwards and backwards twice.
- 13-16 Turn partner once round giving right hands.
- 17-18 Joining hands in a circle of 4, balance towards the centre and away.
- 19-20 Men drop hands with the lady on their right and turn the lady on their left under their arm into ballroom hold.
- 21-24 Waltz half-way round the set to change places.
- 25-32 Repeat bars 17-24 with partner.
- 33-40 Waltz around the room to find a new couple to dance with.

Finish facing a new couple, ready to start again.

In April 2007 I was asked to devise a dance to perform at the Festival Interceltique in Lorient in August 2007 (Scotland being the invited guest nation). I came up with "A Trip to Lorient" which was designed for performance by fit expert dancers. A Trip to Lorient is not for the faint-hearted or for beginners, so this dance is a dance to share with everyone attending the festival, on behalf of Scotland, the invited guests. But then Jim said he wanted a reel which would look good in a 10-second snippet on the 10 o'clock news, so I started work on "Festival Interceltique" instead.

Tune: O Logie O Buchan (Trad)

(cc) Ian Brockbank, June 2007