

LOHIAS
(EPISKEPSIS, KERKYRA)

Lohias is a song dance from the island of Kerkyra off the northwest coast of Greece. Specifically it is performed in the village of Episkepsis and relates in song the tragic death of a local army sergeant or "lohias" in Greek.

Formation: kopen circle, "w" arm hold
meter: 2/4

PATTERN

- 1,2 Facing sl R of ctr: Step fwd R then L (cts 1,2); pivoting to face ctr quick steps R, close L sideways (cts 1 &); Step R sideways (2).
- 3,4 Pivoting to face sl R of ctr, Step L fwd (1); pivoting to face ctr touch R fwd (2); Step R sl behind L (1); Step L sl behind R (2).
- 5,6 Repeat action of meas 1,2 above
- 7,8 Repeat action of meas 7 above; HOLD R touch (1); Step R sl behind L (2);
- 9 Step L sl behind R and Hold (1,2).