FRENCH · SNACK

Jacques Pépin's Instant Salmon Gravlax (Salt and Pepper Only)

10 min · plus 2–3 hours in the fridge | Serves 2 | 83 kcal a serve | Video 3:59 · KQED

Carnivore | Pescatarian | Gluten-free ingredients | Dairy-free | Nut-free

Salt on the plate and on top cures thin slices of raw salmon in a few hours — no sugar, dill or cooking. A small serve is a light starter of about 80 kcal with over half a day's omega-3 fats, nearly half a day's vitamin B12 and a fifth of the day's vitamin D.

Diet notes: Low carb (0.1 g net carbs) but not keto: 54% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients 3 · SERVES 2

- [ ] **Salmon:** 100 g very fresh salmon fillet or belly — 40–60 g per person
- [ ] **salt**, a generous sprinkle under and over the fish
- [ ] **freshly ground black pepper**, under and over the fish

Amounts in metric units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Fish. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Slice the salmon as thinly as you can; the belly is the fattiest and best part. Allow 40–60 g per person. 0:16
2. Sprinkle a generous layer of salt and some pepper over each serving plate. Lay the salmon slices on top in a single layer and season the top with more salt and pepper. 0:53
3. Cover each plate with plastic wrap (they can be stacked) and refrigerate for 2–3 hours, or up to a day ahead. 1:39
4. Just before serving, add any garnish you like and serve cold. Serve lemon on the side rather than squeezed over — the juice 'cooks' the fish. 1:56

> **Tip** Use very fresh, sashimi-grade (previously frozen) salmon. Jacques garnishes with capers, sweet onion, scallion greens, basil and a drizzle of olive oil, with black bread (not counted) — leave them off for carnivore.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
83 kcal	8.9 g	0.1 g	0.1 g	5 g	410 mg
350 kJ	18% of a day	0.1 g net · 0 g sugars	0% of a day	1 g saturated	18% of a day
		0% of a day		6% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 0% · protein 44% · fat 56% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Omega-3 58% · Vitamin B12 47% · Selenium 30% · Vitamin D 22%

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin B6 14% · Vitamin E 10%

Recipe and video: KQED (@kqed) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=wyuQ6sM1w3w, published 11 February 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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