GREEK · DINNER · LUNCH

Soupies me Spanaki (Greek Cuttlefish Stewed with Spinach)

Σουπιές μερακλίδικες

60 min · Serves 4 · 585 kcal a serve · Video 5:30 in Greek · Golfo in the kitchen Γκόλφω Νικολού

Pescatarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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56 g protein and 11 g net carbs a serve from cuttlefish stewed with half a kilo of spinach per person, giving 12 g fibre and well over a day's folate, vitamin A and vitamin K.

Ingredients

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- [ ] 2¼ lb **cuttlefish** (soupies), cleaned and cut into pieces
- [ ] 4½ lb **fresh spinach**, washed and roughly chopped
- [ ] **olive oil**, 1 wine glass (about ½ cup)
- [ ] 4 **spring onions**, chopped
- [ ] ½ bunch **dill**, chopped
- [ ] **Cooking wine**: 1 shot (about 2½ tbsp) ouzo or white wine
- [ ] **sweet paprika**, a pinch
- [ ] **garlic powder**, a pinch (optional)
- [ ] ½ tsp **tomato paste**
- [ ] a little **salt**
- [ ] **lemon wedges**, to serve

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Clean the cuttlefish and cut into bite-size pieces; wash the spinach well and chop it roughly. 0:15
2. Warm the olive oil in a wide pot and soften the spring onions and dill for a few minutes. 0:55
3. Add the cuttlefish with the paprika and garlic powder and stir over medium heat until it gives up its liquid and starts to colour. 1:20
4. Pour in the ouzo (or white wine) and let it bubble off, then cover and simmer gently until the cuttlefish is tender. 1:59
5. Stir in the tomato paste loosened with a little water and season lightly with salt. 2:30
6. Add all the spinach and keep turning it as it wilts, then cook uncovered, stirring now and then, until it has collapsed and most of the liquid has cooked off. 2:45
7. Serve hot with lemon wedges. 4:00

Tip Serves 4 is our estimate. Frozen cleaned cuttlefish works well; squid cooks faster. Cuttlefish is naturally salty, so salt lightly. A Lenten favourite in Greece, eaten with plenty of lemon and a little bread.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Greek) shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
585 kcal	**56 g**	**23 g**	**12 g**	**33 g**	**1,720 mg**
2,450 kJ	111% of a day	11 g net · 2.7 g sugars	42% of a day	4.7 g saturated	75% of a day
		8% of a day		42% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 8% · protein 40% · fat 52% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin K 2053% · Vitamin A 293% · Vitamin B12 281% · Folate 254% · Selenium 213% · Vitamin C 177% · Iron 155% · Vitamin E 118% · Magnesium 114% · Omega-3 89% · Vitamin B6 81% · Potassium 79% · Zinc 63% · Calcium 57%

⚠ One serve has about 75% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Golfo in the kitchen Γκόλφω Νικολού (@golfointhekitchenGolfaki) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=P842K4Pz4kc, published 13 March 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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