Breakfast Blueberry Crisp with Spiced Oat Topping

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Good for Vata and Pitta doshas, Kapha dosha in moderation Serving size ¾ cup

Ingredients:

2 tsp coconut oil or ghee to grease a 9 inch pie plate*

1/2c rolled oats + ½ tsp cinnamon to sprinkle on the bottom of greased pie plate

2 lbs fresh blueberries

1 Tbsp. sugar (coconut, sucanat are also good options)

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. lemon zest

1/2 tsp. real vanilla extract

2 cups of rolled oats

2-3 Tbs. melted coconut oil or ghee *

2 Tbsp. sugar (coconut, sucanat are also good options)

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. ground cardamom

1/2 tsp. ginger powder

¼ tsp. ground nutmeg

Pinch of salt

1 tsp. real vanilla extract

2 tsp. lemon zest

¼ cup raw sunflower seeds, chopped (optional)

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 deg F
- 2. Prepare 9 inch pie plate by greasing it with oil, then adding to bottom of the pie plate oats and cinnamon.
- 3. In a medium size bowl, gently add and fold into fresh blueberries sugar, cinnamon, lemon zest, and real vanilla extract. Then add to pie plate.
- 4. In a medium size bowl, add oats, oil, spices, pinch of salt, real vanilla extract, lemon zest, sunflower seeds and mix well.
- 5. Place on top of blueberries.
- 6. Cover pie plate -with another pie or foil.
- 7. Bake for 30 min. covered.
- 8. Take off cover and bake for another 15-20 minutes until spiced oat topping is lightly golden brown. Let sit for 5 minutes. Enjoy!







^{*}For a vegan version, use coconut oil

Blueberries are known to be a "superfood" loaded with nutrients our bodies need for optimal health. Here are a few benefits that blueberries offer.

- Contains anthocyanin, a flavonoid which gives blueberries many of their health benefits. Flavonoids have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.
- Good source of fiber, 3.6 g per 1 cup (148 g).
- Blueberries are great for heart health, bone strength, skin health, blood pressure, diabetes, and mental health.
- One cup of blueberries offers 24 % of a person RDA of vit. C
- Blueberries support Pitta dosha since they have an astringent taste (Kashaya Rasa), known for wound healing and reducing blood sugar levels.

Resources:

https://www.theayurvedaexperience.com/blog/blueberry-recipes-for-summer/

https://chopra.com/articles/8-surprising-benefits-of-blueberries

https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/287710#benefits

https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/10-superfoods-to-boost-a-healthy-diet-2018082914463



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