

These luxurious and delicious chocolatey holiday treats are a healthier take on the classic truffle.

Makes 14 Servings

## Ingredients

1 cup pitted dates1 avocado, pitted and peeled1 tbsp orange zest

2 tbsp pure maple syrup

2 tbsp orange juice

2 tbsp chopped 70% dark chocolate, melted 3/4 cup raw cocoa powder ½ tsp ground ginger

Optional Truffle Coatings:

1 tbsp raw cocoa powder

2 tbsp dark chocolate shavings

2 tbsp raw cocoa nibs

½ cup chopped 70% dark

chocolate + ½ tsp coconut oil

1 tsp orange zest

## Steps

- 1. Soak dates in hot water for 20 minutes to soften. Then drain and add to a food processor.
- 2. Add avocado, maple syrup, orange juice, and melted chocolate to the dates and process for 1 to 2 minutes, stopping periodically to scrape the sides with a spatula. Process until mixture starts to become smooth and no large chunks of dates remain.
- 3. Add cocoa powder and ginger and process for another 1 to 2 minutes, again stopping periodically to scrape the sides. Process until mixture is thick, smooth, and well combined.
- 4. Using a spatula, transfer the mixture to a bowl. Place in the freezer for 30 minutes to chill, allowing the truffle mixture to harden.
- 5. Meanwhile, take 3 small plates and place the coating ingredients on each plate: cocoa powder, chocolate shavings, and cocoa nubs. Melt dark chocolate with coconut oil and transfer to a small bowl. Set aside.
- 6. When truffle mixture has chilled, remove from freezer and using clean, slightly wet hands roll mixture into 1-inch balls, working quickly as to not warm the mixture with your hands.
- 7. Place truffles on a large plate, then roll each into one of the coating options and set back on the plate.
- 8. Return coated truffles to the freezer until ready to serve. Allow truffles to thaw for 5 to 10 minutes and sprinkle with a pinch of orange zest before serving.

**Nutrition Information** 

95 Calories | 16.3g Carbohydrates | 4.3g Fat | 1.5g Saturated Fat | 3.5g Fibre | 1.6g Protein | 3mg Sodium | 10.5g Sugar

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