

## Mediterranean Style Nutrition Guide

No Matter Where You Are Today Work toward these goals to improve your health.			Mediterranean Style Goals	My Goals
EAT YOUR FILL		<ul> <li>CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLES   1 serving = 1 cup raw or 1/2 cup cooked</li> <li>Collard Greens, Kale, Mustard Greens, Watercress, Bok Choy, Arugula, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Radish, Turnip Greens</li> <li>NON-STARCHY VEGETABLES   1 serving = 1 cup raw or 1/2 cup cooked</li> <li>Carrots (raw), Bell Peppers, Mushrooms, Asparagus, Tomatoes, Zucchini, Summer Squash, Eggplant, Artichoke, Leeks, Garlic, Onions, Celery, Cucumbers, Okra</li> <li>Leafy: Swiss Chard, Spinach, Romaine Lettuce, Leaf Lettuce, Iceberg Lettuce</li> </ul>	Daily 4-6 Servings	
		FRUITS   1 serving = 1 medium piece or 1/2 cup Berries: Strawberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Blueberries, Acai Berries, Cranberries Citrus: Oranges, Grapefruit, Pineapple, Lemons, Limes, Tangerines Other: Grapes, Pomegranates, Cantaloupe, Peaches, Plums, Cherries, Apples, Pears, Mango, Kiwifruit, Bananas	Daily 2-3 Servings	
		LEGUMES   1 serving = 1/2 cup cooked Beans: Edamame, Tofu, Kidney, Great Northern, Cannellini, Adzuki, Black, Pinto, Garbanzo, Fava, Lima, Navy Peas: Green, Split, Black-Eyed, Snap, Snow Lentils: Red, Yellow, Brown, Black, Green, Sprouted	Daily 1-2 Servings	
MODERATION		<b>STARCHY VEGETABLES   1 serving = 1/2 cup cooked</b> Carrots (cooked), Winter Squash, Sweet Potatoes, Yams, Corn, Turnips, Parsnips, White Potatoes <b>WHOLE GRAINS   1 serving = 1/2 cup cooked</b> Steel Cut Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Millet, Quinoa, Amaranth, Bulgur, Spelt, Teff, Triticale, Farro, Brown Rice, Wild Rice, Whole Grain Bread	Daily 3-5 Servings	
		RAW NUTS & SEEDS   1 serving = 1/4 cup nuts or 2 tbsp seeds Nuts: Pistachios, Walnuts, Almonds, Pine Nuts, Pecans, Cashews, Brazil Nuts, Hazelnuts, Macadamias Seeds: Chia, Flax, Hemp, Sesame, Sunflower, Pumpkin	Daily 2-3 Servings	
LIMIT		FISH, SEAFOOD & EGGS   1 serving = 3 ounces or 1 egg LOWFAT DAIRY   1 serving = Milk (1 cup), Yogurt (1 cup), Cheese (1 ounce)	Daily 1-2 Servings	
		POULTRY   1 serving = 3 ounces RED MEAT   1 serving = 3 ounces	Weekly 1-2 Servings 0-1 Servings	POULTRY RED MEAT
AVOID	hoose an entirely plant based plan. i	PROCESSED FOODS & SWEETS   Servings vary Snack foods, Processed Meats, Cookies, Cakes, Candies, Desserts, Sodas	Weekly 0-1 Servings	

\*If you choose an entirely plant based plan, include a vitamin B12 supplement.



## Nutrition Guide Portions



## **Animal Source Food Portions**

If you choose to include animal source foods (ASF), opt for naturally raised or wild meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or dairy. Additionally, aim to keep ASF to 15% or less of total daily calories. For a 2,000 calorie meal plan this equals 300 calories or less.

Each portion below equals approximately 100 calories of ASF:



## **Portion Pointers**

- **1. Portion Plate** Use a salad plate instead of a dinner plate for meals.
- 2. Pretty Plates Serve meals on a plate or in a bowl instead of eating out of the package.
- 3. Valuable Vegetables Fill at least half your plate with vegetables.
- 4. Savor Your Meals Relax, turn off the TV, and enjoy the food you've prepared.
- 5. Wonderful Water Stay hydrated with water. Aim for eight, eight ounce glasses a day.
- 6. No Truancy Avoid skipping meals and only eat when you are truly hungry.



## Nutrition Guide Sample Meal Plan

	EXAMPLE DAY	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
BREAKFAST	2 Fruits 1 cup Whole Grains 1 ounce Nuts/Seeds	Overnight Blueberry Oats	Greek Yogurt Parfait	Scrambled Eggs & Toast	Toasted Sweet Potatoes with Smashed Avocado
LUNCH	3+ cups Raw Non-starchy Vegetables 1/2 cup Beans 1 Fruit	Citrus Lentil Salad	Grilled Chicken Kale Caesar salad	Baba Ganoush Lettuce Wraps, 1 Fruit	Tabbouleh Superfood Bowl, 1 Fruit
DINNER	2+ cups Cooked Non- starchy Vegetables 1/2 cup Lentils, 1/2 cup Whole Grains 3 oz Fish	Grilled Salmon Greek Salad	Stuffed Peppers Side Salad	Pasta Primavera	Pita Pizza 1 Fruit

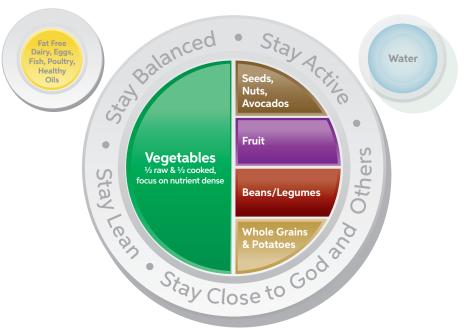
#### **Personalize Portions**

Adjust portions to your body size, gender, activity level, and desired health outcomes. Some recipes will have leftovers; this is done intentionally to use for future meals.

## Hunger Scale



#### **Medi-Share Plate**





## Sample Meal Plan Shopping List

## **Vegetables**

6 spears Asparagus 14 c Baby Kale 4 tbsp Basil 1¼ c Broccoli, pieces 1 c Carrots 5½ c Cherry Tomatoes 4 c Cucumber slices 2 Eggplants 13 cloves Garlic 1 bunch Green Onion ½ c Green Peas 3 tbsp Mint 2¾ c Parsley 4 Red Bell Peppers 4 c Red Leaf Lettuce 1 Red Onion 6 hearts Romaine 4 c Spinach 5 oz Spinach, frozen 4 cups Spring Mix ½ c Sugar Snap Peas 1 Sweet Potato, small 1 Tomato 1 15 oz can Tomatoes (diced) 1 Zucchini

¼ c Almonds
Balsamic Vinegar
½ tsp Basil, dried
Black Pepper
½ c Bulgur (Buckwheat if GF)
1 c Cashews
1 tbsp Chia Seeds
2 15oz cans Chickpeas
¼ c Couscous
4 tbsp Cumin
1 tbsp Dijon Mustard
1 tsp Garlic Powder

## Pantry/Dry Goods

¼ c Green Olives
16 Kalamata Olives
2 c Lentils
2 tbsp Nutritional Yeast
2½ tsp Oregano, ground
1 c Olive Oil
Paprika
1 c Quinoa
¼ c Raisins
2 tbsp Red Wine Vinegar
Sea Salt
Sesame Seed Bu er (Tahini)

1 slice Whole Grain Penne 4 whole Grain Penne 4 Whole Grain Pitas



## **Fruits**

1 Avocado 2 c Blueberries 2 Nectarines ½ c 100% Orange Juice 1 c 100% Lemon Juice



## Other

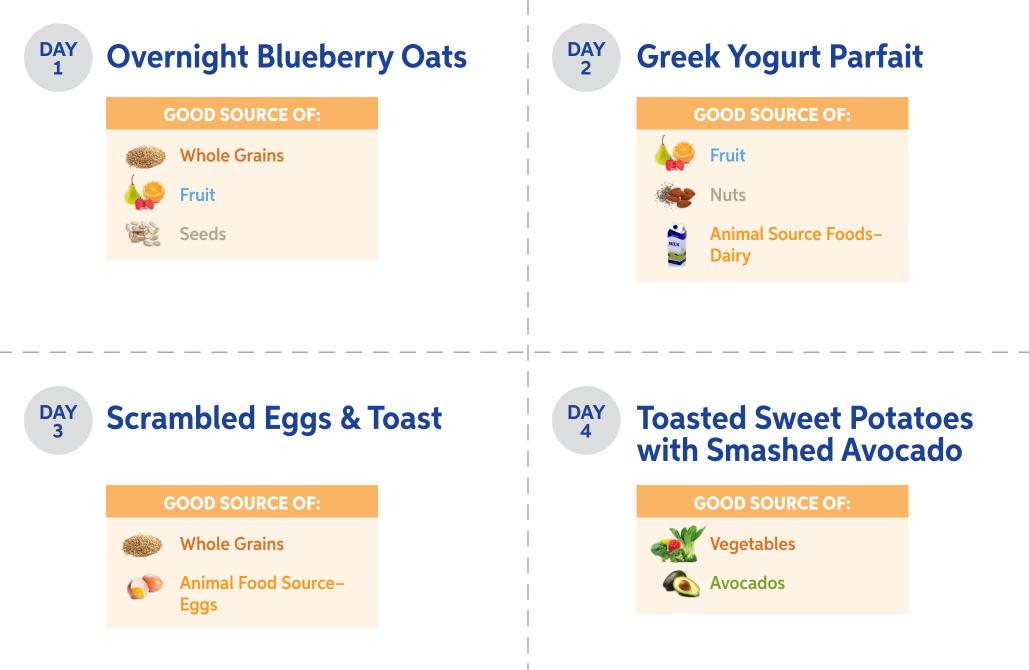
12 oz Chicken breast 2 Eggs 10 oz Feta Cheese 6 oz Greek Yogurt, plain 4 tbsp Hummus 1¾ c Milk 1 c Mozzarella Cheese ¾ c Parmesan Cheese, grated 12 oz Salmon

## **Smart Shopping**

- **1. Plan Ahead** Keep an ongoing shopping list organized by store layout and stick to it.
- 2. Have a Snack Have a healthy snack before hitting the store to avoid impulse purchases.
- **3. Shop the Perimeter** Fresh and frozen foods like fruits and vegetables are usually located around the perimeter of the store.
- **4. Buy in Bulk** Whole grains, dried beans, nuts, and seeds are often cheaper in bulk.



## Sample Meal Plan Breakfast Recipes





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## Greek Yogurt Parfait

#### Ingredients

6oz Greek Yogurt 1 c Blueberries 2 tbsp Walnuts

#### Preparation

Layer yogurt, berries, and nuts in a glass bowl or small mason jar until all ingredients are used.

## **Overnight Blueberry Oats**

SERVES 1

#### Ingredients

1/2 c Steel-cut oats1/2 c milk or non-dairy milk1 tbsp Chia seeds1 c Blueberries (fresh or frozen)

#### Preparation

Combine all ingredients well. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Oats can be enjoyed cold or warm. Add cinnamon or additional milk if desired.

#### **Toasted Sweet Potatoes with Smashed Avocado**

**SERVES 1** 

#### Ingredients

1 small Sweet Potato 1/2 small Avocado

#### Preparation

Slice sweet potato lengthwise into 1/4 inch slices. Toast in a toaster or toaster oven on high until cooked through (if using a toaster, more than 1 cycle may be needed). Peel and divide avocado into sections, place sections on the sweet potatoes and gently smash the avocado with a fork. Alternatively, slice the avocado and arrange slices on the sweet potatoes.

## Scrambled Eggs & Toast

#### Ingredients

2 Eggs Black Pepper 2 tbsp Milk 1 slice Whole grain bread

#### Preparation

Whisk together all ingredients until light and foamy. Heat a skillet over high heat. When the pan is hot, pour the eggs into the skillet. Stir slowly, lowering the heat to low. Continue stirring until no liquid remains. Remove from heat and serve with toast.



## Sample Meal Plan Lunch Recipes





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## **Grilled Chicken Kale Caesar Salad**

**SERVES 4** 

#### Salad

10 c Kale, stems removed, chopped 12 oz Chicken, grilled

#### Dressing

6 cloves roasted Garlic
1 c Milk or unsweetened non-dairy milk
1 c raw Cashews
2 tbsp Nutritional Yeast
2 tbsp Lemon Juice
1 tbsp Dijon Mustard
1/8 tsp Black Pepper

115 oz can Chickpeas, drain and rinse

## **Citrus Lentil Salad**

SERVES 4

#### Salad

Preparation

1 c dry Lentils, rinsed 4 c Baby Kale 4 c Red Leaf Lettuce, chopped ½ c Red Onion, chopped 2 c Nectarine, chopped

#### Dressing

1/2 c 100% Orange Juice2 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar1/4 c raw Almonds1/4 c Raisins1 clove Garlic

#### Preparation

Combine dressing ingredients in a high-powered blender. Blend until creamy. Place kale in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss well. Add chicken and serve.

#### Cook lentils according to the package. Drain and set aside. Combine dressing ingredients in a high-powered blender. Blend until smooth. In a large bowl, combine salad ingredients. Add dressing and toss.

## **Tabbouleh Superfood Bowl**

#### SERVES 4

4 tbsp Cumin

Pepper to taste

4 tbsp Hummus

Lemon juice to taste

2 Romaine Lettuce Hearts

#### Ingredients

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c Bulgur (Buckwheat, if gluten free) 2 c Parsley 1 bunch Green Onion, chopped 1 large Tomato, diced
- 3 tbsp Mint, chopped

#### Preparation

# Put the bulgur in a small bowl, cover with cold water and let stand for 10 minutes, then drain. Place the bulgur in a clean kitchen towel or a double thickness of cheesecloth and squeeze dry. (If using buckwheat cook according to package instructions.) Transfer to a bowl, use a fork to separate into individual grains. Stir in parsley, green onions, tomato, mint, chickpeas, lemon juice and cumin. Season with pepper. Taste and add more lemon juice, if needed. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Arrange romaine leaves around 6 bowls, place tabbouleh in the center and top with hummus.

## **Baba Ganoush Lettuce Wraps**

**SERVES 4** 

2 tsp Paprika 4 tbsp Parsley ¼ tsp Sea Salt 4 tbsp Sesame seed butter (Tahini) 4 Hearts Romaine Lettuce, leaves separated

#### Preparation

Ingredients

4 tbsp Olive Oil

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c Lemon Juice

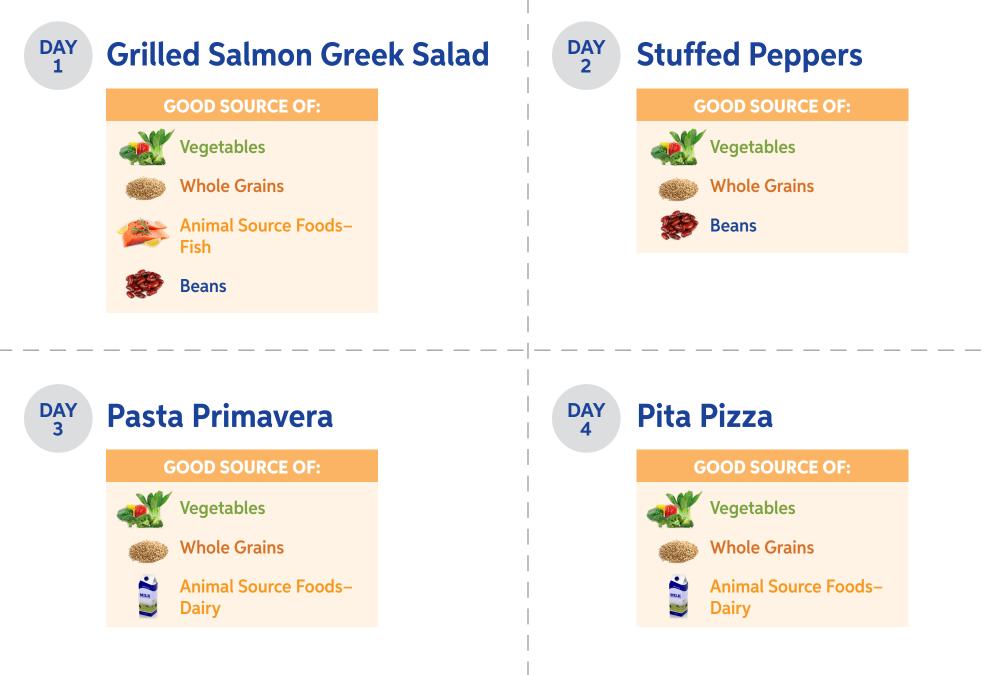
2 clove Garlic

2 medium Eggplants

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place eggplant in baking dish and drizzle with oil. Bake until tender, about 25 minutes. Allow eggplant to cool, then remove eggplant skin. Combine all ingredients except romaine hearts in a high-powered blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Spoon eggplant mixture into romaine leaves and serve.



## Sample Meal Plan Dinner Recipes





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## **Stuffed Peppers**

**SERVES 4** 

#### Ingredients

3 Red Bell Peppers 1 tbsp Olive Oil <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Red Onion. diced 2 cloves Garlic, minced 1 c Couscous. cooked 5 oz Frozen Spinach, thawed & drained

#### Preparation

Preheat oven to 400° F. Cut peppers in half vertically and remove seeds. Roast peppers in a glass baking dish 20-25 minutes. Add oil to a pan on medium-low heat. Once hot, add onion and cook until slightly softened. Add garlic and cook another 1-2 minutes. Add couscous, spinach, beans, tomatoes, oregano, and thyme, stirring until combined. Season to taste with black pepper. Carefully spoon mixture into each pepper half in the glass baking dish. Bake 15-20 minutes. Just before serving, garnish with parsley.

## **Grilled Salmon Greek Salad**

#### SFRVFS 4

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp Olive Oil 2 tbsp Red Wine Vinegar 4 tsp Basil 2 tsp Black Pepper 2 tsp Oregano, ground 2 c Quinoa, cooked 2 c Lentils. cooked

#### Preparation

4 c Sprina Mix 4 oz Feta Cheese 4 c Cucumber, sliced 16 Kalamata Olives 4 c Cherry Tomatoes, halved 12 oz Salmon, grilled

1 Red Bell Pepper, diced

1¼ c Broccoli, cut to 1in pieces

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c Green Peas, fresh or frozen

10 Cherry Tomatoes, halved

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c Parmesan Cheese, grated

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c Sugar Snap Peas, strings removed

1 c Chickpeas, canned

Whisk the olive oil, wine vinegar, basil, black pepper and oregano together. Toss dressing with guinoa and lentils, set aside. Drain and rinse chickpeas. Combine spring mix, feta, cucumber, olives, tomatoes and toss with guinoa mixture. Top with grilled salmon.

## Pita Pizza

#### Ingredients

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c Lemon Juice 1 tsp Garlic Powder 1/4 tsp Oregano, ground <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp Basil, dried <sup>1</sup>∕<sub>2</sub> c Olive Oil

#### Preparation

#### SFRVFS 4

4 Whole Grain Pitas 4 c Spinach, torn to bite size 1/2 c Cherry Tomatoes, halved 1/4 c Green Olives, chopped 1 c Mozzarella Cheese, shredded

15 oz can White Beans. drain & rinse

15 oz can Diced Tomatoes

1/4 tsp Oregano, ground

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp Thyme, dried

Black Pepper, to taste

1/2 c Parsley, chopped

1 c Feta Cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 375° F. Whisk together lemon juice, garlic powder, oregano, basil, and oil. Brush oil mixture over pita breads and place on a baking sheet, set aside remaining dressing. Combine spinach, tomatoes, olives, and remaining dressing. Divide vegetable mixture between each pita, top with cheeses. Bake until cheese melts and pitas are toasted.

## Pasta Primavera

**SERVES 6** 

#### Ingredients

2 cloves Garlic, minced 1 tbsp Olive Oil 12 oz Whole Grain Penne 6 spears Asparagus, cut to 1in pieces 1 Zucchini, diced 1 c Carrots, thinly sliced

#### Preparation

2 tbsp Basil, thinly sliced Add oil to a large pot on medium-low heat. Once hot, add garlic and sauté until fragrant. Add pasta, 4 cups hot water, cover and bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to medium-high, uncover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until pasta is al dente. Stir in asparagus, zucchini, carrots, pepper, broccoli, snap peas, and peas, cook uncovered until vegetables are tender but still crisp. Stir in tomatoes and cheese. Just before serving, garnish with sliced basil.