

# **Low Inflammation Diet Guide**

This guide is for you if you have any of the following:

- 1. Constant bloating
- 2. You get a food belly after every meal
- 3. You have constipation
- 4. You have diarrhea
- 5. You are inflamed regularly
- 6. You get headaches regularly
- 7. Indigestion, heartburn, GERD
- 8. You have brain fog, fatigue, lethargy
- 9. You are gassy, to a point that it's uncomfortable or embarrassing
- 10. You have eczema, psoriasis, acne or other skin dermatitis that comes and goes, or is constant
- 11. Have PCOS, Hashimotos, IBS, SIBO, Ulcerative Colitis, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism or any other gut health dysfunction

This is an elimination plan that will pull all foods known to cause a reaction in the gut or that can cause breakdown of the lining in the gi tract.

This does not mean you can never eat these foods again. In fact, I want to eat as many varieties of foods as possible. The more foods we can eat, the stronger our immunity and gut microbiome can be.

But first, we have to allow the gut time to heal. If there is irritation in the gut, and you keep eating foods that cause irritation, it just compounds and foods that normally wouldn't bother you give you feedback can cause issues.

This plan is bland and can be boring, but it's short term work to provide you long term results and a change in quality of life. Keep reminding yourself this as you're moving through and want to give in to cravings.

Tips for starting plan:

- 1. Look at your calendar and start when you have no big events or travel for 6 weeks
- 2. Research and plan your meals. Don't wing it



# STARTING THE PLAN

Follow the food guide for a minimum of 6 weeks. If you can go 10-12 weeks, that's even better and you will have greater results. Find foods you like and make meals out of those foods. Don't eat foods you don't like. There is no need for that, there are plenty of foods to choose from.

Once you have completed your minimum of 6 weeks, you can start SLOWLY integrating new foods in. Only introduce one new food every 4 days as there can be a 3-4 day delayed response to foods.

Pay attention to the signs your body gives you. Examples being:

- 1. Headaches
- 2. Gut disruption: bloating, gas, constipation or diarrhea
- 3. Skin issues, rashes or spots
- 4. Any old symptoms you were having previous to elimination

If you have symptoms, then you know now that it is a trigger for you and you should avoid or very much limit your intake of this food.

Again, the goal is to be able to eat as many foods as possible and to have the most diverse microbiome as possible. Go slow and be patient. Doing this elimination plan can be very eye opening and educating. It can 100% help to improve your quality of life.



# **FOODS TO AVOID**

## **Vegetables and Legumes**

Garlic - avoid entirely if possible

Includes garlic salt, garlic powder

Onions - avoid entirely if possible

Includes onion powder, small pickled onions

Try Hing / Asafoetida powder or garlic oil to substitute

Artichoke

**Asparagus** 

Baked beans

Beetroot, fresh

Black eyed peas

Broad beans

**Butter beans** 

Cassava

Cauliflower

Celery - greater than 5cm of stalk

Choko

Falafel

Fermented cabbage e.g. sauerkraut

Haricot beans

Kidney beans

Lima beans

Leek bulb

Mange Tout

Mixed vegetables

Mung beans

Mushrooms

Peas, sugar snap

Pickled vegetables

Red kidney beans

Savoy Cabbage - over 1/2 cup

Soy beans / soya beans

Split peas

Scallions / spring onions (bulb / white part)



# Shallots

Taro

## Fruit - fruits can contain high fructose

Apples including pink lady and granny smith

**Apricots** 

Avocado

Bananas, ripe

Blackberries

Blackcurrants

Boysenberry

Cherries

Currants

Custard apple

**Dates** 

Feijoa

Figs

Goji berries

Grapefruit - over 80g

Guava, unripe

Lychee

Mango

**Nectarines** 

Paw paw, dried

Peaches

**Pears** 

Persimmon

Pineapple, dried

Plums

Pomegranate

Prunes

Raisins - over 1 tbsp / 13g

Sea buckthorns

Sultanas

**Tamarillo** 

Tinned fruit in apple / pear juice

Watermelon



## Meats, Poultry and Meat Substitutes

Chorizo if garlic added Sausages

## Cereals, Grains, Breads, Biscuits/Cookies, Pasta, Nuts and Cakes

Wheat containing products such as (be sure to check labels):

Biscuits / cookies including chocolate chip cookies

Bread, wheat - over 1 slice

Breadcrumbs

Cakes

Cereal bar, wheat based

Croissants

Crumpets

Egg noodles

Muffins

**Pastries** 

Pasta, wheat over 1/2 cup cooked

Udon noodles

Wheat bran

Wheat cereals

Wheat flour

Wheat germ

Wheat noodles

Wheat rolls

Almond meal

Amaranth flour

Barley including flour

Bran cereals

Bread:

Granary bread

Multigrain bread

Naan

Oatmeal bread

Pumpernickel bread

Roti

Sourdough with kamut

Cashews



Chestnut flour

Cous cous

Einkorn flour

Freekeh

Gnocchi

Granola bar

Muesli cereal

Muesli bar

**Pistachios** 

Rye

Rye crispbread

Semolina

Spelt flour

## Condiments, Dips, Sweets, Sweeteners and Spreads

Agave

Caviar dip

Fructose

Fruit bar

Gravy, if it contains onion

High fructose corn syrup (HFCS)

Hummus / houmous

Honey

Jam, mixed berries

Jam, strawberry, if contains HFCS

Molasses

Pesto sauce

Quince paste

Relish / vegetable pickle

Stock cubes

Sugar free sweets containing polyols - usually ending in -ol or isomalt

Sweeteners and corresponding E number:

Inulin

Isomalt (E953 / 953)

Lactitol (E966 / 966)

Maltitol (E965 / 965)

Mannitol (E241 / 421)

Sorbitol (E420 / 420)

Xylitol (E967 / 967)



Tzatziki dip

## **Prebiotic Foods**

The follow items may be hiding in yoghurts, snack bars etc:
FOS - fructooligosaccharides
Inulin
Oligofructose

## **Drinks and Protein Powders**

Beer - if drinking more than one bottle

Cordial, apple and raspberry with 50-100% real juice

Cordial, orange with 25-50% real juice

Fruit and herbal teas with apple added

Fruit juices in large quantities

Fruit juices made of apple, pear, mango

Kombucha

Malted chocolate flavored drink

Meal replacement drinks containing milk based products e.g. Ensure, Slim Fast

Orange juice in quantities over 100ml

Quinoa milk

Rum

Sodas containing High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS)

Soy milk made with soy beans - commonly found in USA

Sports drinks

Tea:

Black tea with added soy milk

Chai tea, strong

Dandelion tea, strong

Fennel tea

Chamomile tea

Herbal tea, strong

Oolong tea

Wine - if drinking more than one glass

Whey protein, concentrate unless lactose free

Whey protein, hydrolyzed unless lactose free



## **Dairy Foods**

Buttermilk

Cheese, ricotta

Cream

Custard

Gelato

Ice cream

Kefir

Milk:

Cow milk

Goat milk

Evaporated milk

Sheep's milk

Sour cream - over 2tbsp

Yoghurt

## **Cooking ingredients**

Carob powder / carob flour



## **FOODS TO EAT**

## **Vegetables and Legumes**

Alfalfa

Bamboo shoots

Bean sprouts

Beetroot, canned and pickled

Black beans - 1/4 cup / 45g

Bok choy / pak choi

Broccoli, whole - 3/4 cup

Broccoli, heads only - 3/4 cup

Broccoli, stalks only - 1/3 cup

Broccolini, whole - 1/2 cup chopped

Broccolini, heads only - 1/2 cup

Broccolini, stalks only - 1 cup

Brussels sprouts - 2 sprouts

Butternut squash - 1/4 cup

Cabbage, common and red up to 3/4 cup

Callaloo

Carrots

Celeriac

Celery - less than 5cm of stalk

Chicory leaves

Chick peas - 1/4 cup

Chilli - if tolerable

Chives

Cho cho - 1/2 cup diced

Choy sum

Collard greens

Corn / sweet corn - if tolerable and only in small amounts - 1/2 cob

Courgette - 65g

Cucumber

Eggplant / aubergine (1 cup)

Fennel

Green beans

Green pepper / green bell pepper / green capsicum - 1/2 cup

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Ginger

Kale

Karela

Leek leaves

Lentils - in small amounts

Lettuce:

**Butter lettuce** 

Iceberg lettuce

Radicchio lettuce

Red coral lettuce

Rocket lettuce

Romaine/Cos lettuce

Marrow

Okra

Olives

Parsnip

Peas, snow - 5 pods

Pickled gherkins

Pickled onions, large

Potato

Pumpkin

Pumpkin, canned - 1/4 cup, 2.2 oz

Radish

Red peppers / red bell pepper / red capsicum

Scallions / spring onions (green part)

Seaweed / nori

Silverbeet / chard

Spaghetti squash

Spinach, baby

Squash

Sun-dried tomatoes - 4 pieces

Swede

Swiss chard

Sweet potato - 1/2 cup

Tomato - canned, cherry, common, roma

Tomato, canned - 3/5 cup

Tomato, common - 1 small

Tomato, cherry - 5 cherries

Tomatillo, fresh - 1 cup

Tomatillos, canned - 75g

Turnip - 1/2 turnip



Water chestnuts Yam Zucchini - 65g

## **Fruit**

Ackee

Bananas, unripe - 1 medium

**Bilberries** 

Blueberries - 1/4 cup

Breadfruit

Carambola

Cantaloupe - 3/4 cup

Cranberry - 1 tbsp

Clementine

Coconut, cream - 1/4 cup

Coconut, flesh - 2/3 cup

Dragon fruit

Lingonberries

Grapes

Guava, ripe

Honeydew and Galia melons - 1/2 cup

Kiwifruit - 2 small

Lemon including lemon juice

Lime including lime juice

Mandarin

Orange

Passion fruit

Paw paw

Papaya

Pineapple

Plantain, peeled

Prickly pear / nopales

Raspberry - 30 berries

Rhubarb

Strawberry

**Tamarind** 

Tangelo



## Meats, Poultry and Meat Substitutes

Chicken
Chorizo
Foie gras
Kangaroo
Lamb
Pork
Prosciutto
Turkey
Cold cuts / deli meat / cold meats such as ham and turkey breast

## Fish and Seafood

Canned tuna

Fresh fish e.g.

Cod

Beef

Haddock

Plaice

Salmon

Trout

Tuna

Seafood (ensuring nothing else is added)

Crab

Lobster

Mussels

Oysters

Prawns

Shrimp

# Cereals, Grains, Breads, Biscuits, Pasta, Nuts and Cakes

Wheat free breads Gluten free breads



## **Bread**:

Corn bread

Rice bread

Spelt sourdough bread

Potato flour bread

Wheat free or gluten free pasta

Bread, wheat - 1 slice

Almonds - 10 almonds

Biscuit, oatcakes - 4 cakes

Biscuit, wholegrain oat cereal biscuit - 2 biscuits

Brazil nuts

Bulgur / bourghal - 1/4 cup cooked, 44g serving

Buckwheat

**Buckwheat flour** 

**Buckwheat noodles** 

Brown rice / whole grain rice

Chestnuts

Chips, plain / potato crisps, plain

Cornflour / maize

Crispbread

Corncakes

Cornflakes - 1/2 cup

Cornflakes, gluten free

Corn, canned (up to 1/3 cup)

Corn tortillas, 3 tortillas

Crackers, plain

Flax seeds / linseeds - up to 1 tbsp

Hazelnuts - 10 hazelnuts

Macadamia nuts

Millet

Mixed nuts

Oatmeal, 1/2 cup

Oats

Oatcakes

Peanuts

Pecans - 10 halves

Pine nuts

Polenta

Popcorn

Porridge and oat based cereals



Potato flour

**Pretzels** 

Quinoa

Pasta, wheat - up to 1/2 cup cooked

#### Rice:

Basmati rice

Brown rice

Rice noodles

White rice

Rice bran

Rice cakes

Rice crackers

Rice flakes

Rice flour

Seeds:

Chia seeds

Dill seeds

Egusi seeds

Hemp seeds

Poppy seeds

Pumpkin seeds

Sesame seeds

Sunflower seeds

Starch, maize, potato and tapioca

Sorghum

Tortilla chips / corn chips

Walnuts

## Condiments, Dips, Sweets, Sweeteners and Spreads

Almond butter
Barbecue sauce - check label carefully
Capers in vinegar
Capers, salted



## **Chocolate:**

Dark chocolate - 5 squares Milk chocolate - 4 squares White chocolate - 3 squares

#### **Condiments:**

Chutney, 1 tablespoon

Dijon mustard

Erythritol (E968 / 968)

Fish sauce

Glucose

Glycerol (E422 / 422)

Jam / jelly, strawberry

Jam / jelly, raspberry - 2 tbsp

Ketchup (USA) - 1 sachet

Maple syrup

Marmalade

Marmite

Mayonnaise - ensuring no garlic or onion in ingredients

Miso paste

Mustard

Oyster sauce

Pesto sauce - less than 1 tbsp

Peanut butter

Rice malt syrup

Saccharine

Shrimp paste

Soy sauce

Sriracha hot chilli sauce - 1 tsp

Stevia

Sweet and sour sauce

Sugar - also called sucrose

Tahini paste

Tamarind paste

Tomato sauce (outside USA) - 2 sachets, 13g

Vegemite



#### Vinegars:

Apple cider vinegar, 2 tbsp Balsamic vinegar, 2 tbsp Rice wine vinegar Wasabi

Worcestershire sauce - has onion and garlic but very very low amount making it low FODMAP

## **Drinks and Protein Powders**

#### Coffee:

Espresso coffee, regular or decaffeinated, black
Espresso coffee, regular or decaffeinated, with up to 250ml lactose free milk
Instant coffee, regular or decaffeinated, black
Instant coffee, regular or decaffeinated, with up to 250ml lactose free milk
Coconut, milk - 125ml
Coconut, water - 100ml
Drinking chocolate powder
Kvass

## **Protein powders:**

Egg protein Rice protein Sacha Inchi protein Whey protein isolate

#### Tea:

Black tea, weak e.g. PG Tips
Chai tea, weak
Fruit and herbal tea, weak - ensure no apple added
Green tea
Peppermint tea
White tea
Water



## **Dairy Foods and Eggs**

Butter, grass fed

## Cheese

Brie

Camembert

Cheddar

Cottage - 2 tablespoons

Cream Cheese - 2 tbsp

Feta

Goat / chevre

Haloumi - 40g

Monterey Jack

Mozzarella

Paneer - 2 tbsp

Parmesan

Ricotta - 2 tablespoons

**Swiss** 

Dairy free chocolate pudding

Eggs

## Milk:

Almond milk

Hemp milk - 125ml

Lactose free milk

Macadamia milk

Oat milk - 30 ml, enough for cereal

Rice milk - up to 200ml per sitting

Sorbet

Swiss cheese

Tempeh

Tofu - drained and firm varieties

Whipped cream

Yoghurt:

Coconut yoghurt

Greek yoghurt - 23g

Lactose free yoghurt

Goats yoghurt



## **Cooking ingredients, Herbs and Spices**

Herbs: Basil, Bay leaves, Cilantro, Coriander, Curry leaves, Fenugreek, Gotukala, Lemongrass, Mint, Oregano, Pandan, Parsley, Rampa, Rosemary, Sage, Tarragon, Thyme Spices: All spice, Black pepper, Cardamon, Chili powder (check ingredients, sometimes has garlic added), Chipotle chili powder, Cinnamon, Cloves, Cumin, Curry powder, Fennel seeds, Five spice, Goraka, Mustard seeds, Nutmeg, Paprika, Saffron, Star anise, Turmeric Oils: Avocado oil, Canola oil, Coconut oil, Olive oil, Rice bran oil, Sesame oil

Garlic infused oil

Onion infused oil

Acai powder

Asafoetida powder - great onion substitute

Baking powder

Baking soda

Cacao powder

Cocoa powder

Cream, 2 tablespoons

Gelatine

Ghee, clarified butter - 1 tbsp

Mango Powder - 1 tsp

Nutritional yeast

Salt

Tahini, hulled - 30g