

# **Anti-inflammatory Diet**

Adhering to an anti-inflammatory diet, including 7+ servings of brightly coloured vegetables and fruits per day, floods your body with naturally occurring anti-oxidants and phytonutrients. Studies have shown these help reduce many symptoms of dis-ease, such as joint pain and stiffness, oedema, concentration problems and brain fog, skin problems, excess weight or diminished weight, hormone balance, symptoms of GI distress and many more.

### What to Eat:

## Vegetables

Leafy greens, like kale, chard, spinach, broccoli and cabbage Purples, such as onions, cabbage, beetroot Oranges and golds, like carrots, pumpkin, butternut squash, sweet peppers Reds, such as tomatoes, radishes, sweet peppers Blues, like blueberries & blackberries

- Other vegetables, such as cucumbers, celery and mushrooms make great choices as well, but I've listed the ones highest in phytonutrients
- Including a bit of healthy fat with these veg help the nutrients be absorbed more completely. Some suggestions would be combining avocado (or guacamole) with your leafy greens, or having carrot sticks with hummus, or mixing olives into salads, stews and sauces.
- · White potatoes are a starch, rather than a vegetable

#### **Fruits**

Especially healthy choices include all berries, melons, citrus fruits, apples, cherries, peaches, pineapples, and mangoes.

• For a low-sugar option, focus mostly on berries, melon and green apple, and no more than 3 servings per day.

#### Nuts

Some of the healthiest choices are almonds, walnuts, brazil nuts, pumpkin seeds, chia seeds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds

#### **Pulses**

Options like chick peas, lentils or beans (red beans, black beans, cannellini beans, split peas and many others!) are a great alternative to animal protein

• Soya can be an option, however there is conflicting research as to the healthiness of soya products. For this reason I'd advise keeping soya consumption minimal.



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#### Milks

Try alternative milks, such as almond milk or coconut milk.

## Meats and eggs

Grass-fed organic chicken, turkey and other fowl

- •Red meats are ok once or twice a fortnight, but no more as they are a good source of nutrients, but can release toxins that irritate the gut lining.
- · One portion of meat is about the size of your palm

#### Seafood

Oily fish like salmon, mackerel, trout, tuna, sardines and anchovies are a great choice to boost omega 3 levels. Other sea food, such as oysters, muscles, sea bass, haddock, and snapper are fine protein options too.

#### Grains

Quinoa, chick pea flour or falafel, buckwheat or buckwheat flour, brown or wild rice, amaranth, teff, gluten-free oats

• Occasional barley, oats and rye should be ok but wheat should not be used at all \*For leaky gut, IBS, or IBD, it is advisable to go completely gluten free. This means free from

Barley
Rye
Oats (gluten-free oats may be ok)
Wheat



### Good ideas for natural sweeteners and fats:

- Dates, date syrup, rice syrup, maple syrup, local honey (in small amounts)
- Coconut oil and Ghee are the healthiest oils for cooking
- Olive oil, pumpkin seed oil, almond oil, flax seed oil, walnut oil \*should never be heated, they should only be used as dressings\*

## TO CUT OUT COMPLETELY:

- · Wheat
- Dairy (cows milk)
- Refined sugars and sweeteners
- Processed and packaged foods