

## Oven Baked Greek Style Meatballs with Orzo and Veggies

On the Greek island of Corfu, meatballs are traditionally served with a fragrant rice. Mimi has mixed it up with an Italian twist of orzo which is a rice shaped pasta - a perfect accompaniment to both hot or cold dishes (perfect leftovers for lunch!).





Onion (1)



Garlic Clove (1)



Vine Tomato
(2)



Courgette (1)



Mint (½ bunch)



Oregano (3 sprigs)



Lamb Mince (250g)



Panko Breadcrumbs (1 tbsp)



Orzo (¾ cup)



Feta (1 block)

## **2 PEOPLE INGREDIENTS**

- Onion, chopped
- Garlic Clove, chopped
- Vine Tomato, chopped
- ·Courgette, chopped
- Mint, chopped

- Oregano, chopped 3 sprigsLamb Mince 250g
  - Panko Breadcrumbs 1 tbsp
- 1 Orzo ¾ cup ½ bunch • Feta 1 block

Our fruit and veggies may need a little wash before cooking!

## Did you know...

Feta is one of the world's oldest cheeses. Homer (not Simpson!) writes about it in his epic, 'The Odyssey'.

## Allergens: Gluten, Milk.

Nutrition as per prepared and listed ingredients .....

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Energy					
742 kcal / 3122 kJ	•	•	•		:

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Pre-heat your oven to 180 degrees. Peel and chop half the **onion** into 2cm pieces and finely chop the other half. Peel and finely chop the **garlic** and roughly chop the **tomatoes** into 3cm pieces. Cut the **courgette** in half lengthways, cut in half lengthways again to create four strips and then chop into batons about 2cm wide and the length of your index finger. Finely chop the **mint**. Pull the **oregano** leaves off their stalks and finely chop.



2 Add a drizzle of **oil** to a frying pan on a medium heat and add in your smaller chopped **onion**. Cook for 4 mins and then add your chopped **garlic** and cook for a further minute. Take off the heat.

3 Add the **lamb mince** to a bowl with the **breadcrumbs**, half your chopped **mint**, your cooked **onion** and **garlic** mixture, a good pinch of **salt** and a good grind of **black pepper**. Mix together with your hands then shape your **lamb mixture** into balls (four per person).



4 Add the rest of your chopped **onion** along with your **tomatoes** and **courgette** to a deep baking tray, drizzle over a glug of **oil**, your chopped **oregano**, a pinch of **salt** and a good grind of **black pepper** and give everything a good shake. Add your **meatballs** to the tray as well and then put in your oven to cook for 25 mins.

5 In the meantime, bring a pot of water to the boil with a pinch of **salt**. 10 mins before your veggies and meatballs are done, add the **orzo** to your boiling water and cook for 8-9 mins until your **orzo** is 'al dente'. **Tip:** 'Al dente' simply means that the orzo is cooked through but has a slight hint of firmness left in the middle. When your **orzo** is cooked, drain.



When your **veggies** and **meatballs** are cooked, take them out of your oven. Add your drained **orzo** to the tray and stir through, then scatter your remaining **mint** and crumble the **feta** over the top.

7 Serve in bowls and enjoy!