

Turkey Meatballs on Loaded Tzatziki

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Turkey Meatballs Ingredients

1 lb. ground turkev

1 Portobello mushroom or 4 baby Portobello mushrooms, finely minced

4 cloves garlic, pressed

1 onion, minced

2 Tbsp dried parsley

1 Tbsp dried oregano

1 Tbsp dried basil

1 egg

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp cumin

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

Loaded Tzatziki Ingredients

1 cucumber, peeled

½ teaspoon sea salt

1 cup fresh dill, stems removed

2 cups Greek yogurt

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

4 cloves garlic, pressed through a garlic press or finely minced

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
- 2. In a mixing bowl add the ground turkey.
- 3. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix very well with your hands.
- 4. Form the meatballs into half palm-sized meatballs and put on an oiled baking sheet.
- 5. Bake for 45 minutes. Flip once halfway through the cooking process.
- 6. While meatballs are baking, make loaded tzatziki.
- 7. Spread tzatziki on a platter and place cooked meatballs on top with a toothpick in each meatball so they can dip in the tzatziki.

Directions

- 1. Grate cucumber into a colander resting over a bowl. Sprinkle salt on grated cucumber. Let this sit for about 15 minutes as you prepare rest of tzatziki (water will come out of the cucumber).
- 1. Chop dill and then add it to a bowl with the Greek yogurt, olive oil and pressed garlic. Mix well.
- 1. Squeeze juice out of the cucumber and then add to tzatziki. Salt, to taste. You can serve immediately, but flavors meld over time. I like to refrigerate mine for at least an hour.



