Syrup-Coated Donuts (Fried, Fluffy & Sticky)

(Prep Time: 20 min | (Rise Time: 1 hour |) Fry Time: 5-6 min per batch

Makes: 12-14 donuts

Dough Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2½ tsp instant yeast (1 packet)
- 2 tbsp sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- ³/₄ cup warm milk
- 2 tbsp melted butter or oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla essence

☐ Syrup Coating:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla (or rosewater for Middle Eastern twist)
- Optional: a pinch of cardamom or cinnamon

X Instructions:

1. Make the Dough:

- Mix flour, yeast, sugar, and salt in a bowl.
- Add warm milk, egg, melted butter, and vanilla. Mix until combined.
- Knead for 5–8 minutes (by hand or mixer) until soft and stretchy.
- Cover and let it rise in a warm place for 1 hour, until doubled.

2. Shape the Donuts:

- Roll out dough to about 1 cm thick.
- Cut out donuts using a cutter or glass (use a bottle cap for the hole).
- Place on floured tray, cover, and let rise again for 15–20 minutes.

3. Make the Syrup:

- In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, and lemon juice.
- Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer until thickened slightly (5–7 min).
- Add vanilla or flavoring. Set aside (keep warm).

4. Fry the Donuts:

- Heat oil to 170–180°C (340–360°F).
- Fry donuts 1–2 minutes per side until golden.
- Drain on paper towel briefly.

5. Coat in Syrup:

- Dip warm donuts in warm syrup one by one.
- Let sit on a wire rack to drip and set slightly.

