

# **Pizza**

**Pizza** (/ˈpiːtsə/ <code>PEET-sə</code>, Italian: [ˈpittsa]; Neapolitan: [ˈpittsə]) is a dish of <u>Italian</u> origin consisting of a usually round, flat base of <u>leavened</u> wheat-based <u>dough</u> topped with <u>tomatoes</u>, <u>cheese</u>, and often various other ingredients (such as <u>anchovies</u>, <u>mushrooms</u>, <u>onions</u>, <u>olives</u>, <u>vegetables</u>, <u>meat</u>, etc.), which is then baked at a high temperature, traditionally in a wood-fired oven. [1]

The term *pizza* was first recorded in the year 997, in a <u>Latin</u> manuscript from the <u>southern Italian</u> town of <u>Gaeta</u>, in <u>Lazio</u>, on the border with <u>Campania</u>. Raffaele <u>Esposito</u> is often credited for creating modern pizza in <u>Naples</u>. In 2009, <u>Neapolitan pizza</u> was registered with the <u>European Union</u> as a <u>traditional speciality guaranteed</u> dish. In 2017, the art of making Neapolitan pizza was added to <u>UNESCO</u>'s list of <u>intangible cultural</u> heritage.

Pizza and its variants are among the most popular foods in the world. Pizza is sold at a variety of restaurants, including pizzerias (pizza specialty restaurants), Mediterranean restaurants, via delivery, and as street food. [8] In Italy, pizza served in a restaurant is presented unsliced, and is eaten with the use of a knife and fork. [9][10] In casual settings, however, it is typically cut into slices to be eaten while held in the hand. Pizza is also sold in grocery stores in a variety of forms, including frozen or as kits for self-assembly. They are then cooked using a home oven.

In 2017, the world pizza market was <u>US\$</u>128 billion, and in the US it was \$44 billion spread over 76,000 pizzerias. Overall, 13% of the U.S. population aged two years and over consumed pizza on any given day. 12

#### Pizza



A pizza cut into eight slices

Туре	Flatbread		
Course	Lunch or dinner		
Place of origin	Italy		
Region or state	Naples, Campania		
Serving temperature	Hot or warm		
Main	Dough, sauce		
ingredients	(usually tomato		
	sauce), cheese		
	(typically		
	mozzarella, dairy or		
	vegan)		
Variations	<u>Calzone</u> ,		
	panzerotto		
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# **Etymology**

The oldest recorded usage of the word *pizza* is from a <u>Latin</u> text from the town of <u>Gaeta</u>, then still part of the <u>Byzantine Empire</u>, in 997 AD; the text states that a tenant of certain property is to give the bishop of Gaeta *duodecim pizze* (<u>lit.</u> 'twelve pizzas') every <u>Christmas Day</u>, and another twelve every <u>Easter Sunday</u>.[2][13]

Suggested etymologies include:

■ <u>Byzantine Greek</u> and <u>Late Latin pitta > pizza</u>, *cf.* Modern Greek <u>pitta</u> bread and the Apulia and Calabrian (then <u>Byzantine Italy</u>) *pitta*, a round flat bread baked in the oven at high temperature sometimes with toppings. The word *pitta* can in turn be traced to either Ancient

<u>Greek</u> πικτή (*pikte*), 'fermented pastry', which in Latin became *picta*, or Ancient Greek πίσσα (*pissa*, <u>Attic</u>: πίττα, *pitta*), 'pitch', or πήτεα (*pḗtea*), 'bran' (πητίτης, *pētítēs*, 'bran bread').  $\overline{[17]}$ 

- The Etymological Dictionary of the Italian Language explains it as coming from dialectal pinza, 'clamp', as in modern Italian pinze, 'pliers, pincers, tongs, forceps'. Their origin is from Latin pinsere, 'to pound, stamp'. [18]
- The Lombardic word *bizzo* or *pizzo* meaning 'mouthful' (related to the English words "bit" and "bite"), which was brought to Italy in the middle of the 6th century AD by the invading Lombards. [2][19] The shift b>p could be explained by the High German consonant shift, and it has been noted in this connection that in German the word *Imbiss* means 'snack'.

A small pizza is sometimes called a *pizzetta*. [20] A person who makes pizza is known as a *pizzaiolo*. [21]

The word *pizza* was borrowed from Italian into English in the 1930s; before it became well known, pizza was called "tomato pie" by English speakers. Some regional pizza variations still use the name tomato pie. [22]

## History

Records of pizza-like foods can be found throughout ancient history. In the 6th century BC, the <u>Persian</u> soldiers of the <u>Achaemenid Empire</u> during the rule of <u>Darius the Great</u> baked flatbreads with cheese and <u>dates</u> on top of their battle shields [23][24] and the <u>ancient Greeks</u> supplemented their bread with <u>oils</u>, <u>herbs</u>, and cheese. [25][26] An early reference to a pizza-like food occurs in the <u>Aeneid</u>, when Celaeno, queen of the <u>Harpies</u>, foretells that the Trojans would not find peace until they are forced by hunger to eat their tables (Book III). In Book VII, <u>Aeneas</u> and his men are served a meal that includes round cakes (like pita bread) topped with cooked vegetables. When they eat the bread, they realize that these



An ancient Roman precursor of pizza shown on a fresco in Pompeii

are the "tables" prophesied by Celaeno. [27] In 2023, archeologists discovered a fresco in Pompeii appearing to depict a pizza-like dish among other foodstuffs and staples on a silver platter. Italy's culture minister said it "may be a distant ancestor of the modern dish". [28][29] The first mention of the word *pizza* comes from a notarial document written in Latin and dating to May 997 AD from Gaeta, demanding a payment of "twelve pizzas, a pork shoulder, and a pork kidney on Christmas Day, and 12 pizzas and a couple of chickens on Easter Day". [30]

Modern pizza evolved from similar flatbread dishes in <u>Naples</u>, Italy, in the 18th or early 19th century. Before that time, flatbread was often topped with ingredients such as garlic, salt, lard, and cheese. It is uncertain when tomatoes were first added and there are many conflicting claims, though it certainly could not have been before the 16th century and the <u>Columbian Exchange</u>. Pizza was sold from open-air stands and out of pizza bakeries until about 1830, when pizzerias in Naples started to have *stanze* with tables where clients could sit and eat their pizzas on the spot. [32]

A popular contemporary legend holds that the archetypal pizza, <u>pizza Margherita</u>, was invented in 1889, when the <u>Royal Palace of Capodimonte</u> commissioned the Neapolitan <u>pizzaiolo</u> (pizza maker) <u>Raffaele Esposito</u> to create a pizza in honor of the visiting <u>Queen Margherita</u>. Of the three different pizzas he created, the Queen strongly preferred a pizza swathed in the colors of the Italian flag—red (tomato), green (basil), and white (mozzarella). Supposedly, this kind of pizza was then named after the Queen, <u>[33]</u> with an

official letter of recognition from the Queen's "head of service" remaining to this day on display in Esposito's shop, now called the Pizzeria Brandi. [34] Later research cast doubt on this legend, undermining the authenticity of the letter of recognition, pointing that no media of the period reported about the supposed visit and that both the story and name Margherita were first promoted in the 1930s–1940s. [35][36]

Pizza was taken to the United States by <u>Italian immigrants</u> in the late nineteenth century<sup>[37]</sup> and first appeared in areas where they concentrated. The country's first pizzeria, <u>Lombardi's</u>, opened in New York City in 1905.<sup>[38]</sup> Following World War II, veterans returning from the <u>Italian Campaign</u>, who were introduced to <u>Italy's</u> native cuisine, proved a ready market for pizza in particular.<sup>[39]</sup>

The *Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana* (<u>lit.</u> 'True Neapolitan Pizza Association') is a <u>non-profit organization</u> founded in 1984 with headquarters in Naples that aims to promote traditional Neapolitan pizza. [40] In 2009, upon Italy's request, <u>Neapolitan</u> pizza was registered with the European Union as a Traditional



A pizzaiolo in 1830

<u>Speciality Guaranteed</u> dish,  $\frac{[41][42]}{}$  and in 2017 the art of its making was included on <u>UNESCO</u>'s list of intangible cultural heritage.  $\frac{[7]}{}$ 

## **Preparation**

Pizza is sold fresh or <u>frozen</u>, and whole or in <u>portion-size slices</u>. Methods have been developed to overcome challenges such as preventing the sauce from combining with the dough, and producing a crust that can be frozen and reheated without becoming rigid. There are frozen pizzas with raw ingredients and self-rising crusts.

Another form of pizza is available from <u>take and bake pizzerias</u>. This pizza is assembled in the store, then sold unbaked to customers to bake in their own <u>ovens</u>. Some grocery stores sell fresh dough along with sauce and basic ingredients, to assemble at home before baking in an oven.

Pizza preparation



Pizza dough being kneaded before being left undisturbed and allowed time to proof



Traditional pizza dough being tossed



Toppings being placed on pan pizzas



An unbaked Neapolitan pizza on a metal peel, ready for the oven



A wrapped, <u>mass-</u> <u>produced</u> frozen pizza to be baked at home

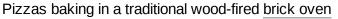
### **Baking**

In restaurants, pizza can be baked in an oven with fire bricks above the heat source, an electric deck oven, a <u>conveyor belt</u> oven, or, in traditional style in a wood or coal-fired <u>brick oven</u>. The pizza is slid into the oven on a long paddle, called a <u>peel</u>, and baked directly on hot bricks, a screen (a round metal grate, typically aluminum), or whatever the oven surface is. Before use, a peel is typically sprinkled with commeal to allow the pizza to easily slide on and off it. When made at home, a pizza can be baked on a <u>pizza stone</u> in a regular oven to reproduce some of the heating effect of a brick oven. Cooking directly on a metal surface results in too rapid heat transfer to the crust, burning it. Some home chefs use a wood-fired pizza oven, usually installed outdoors. As in restaurants, these are often dome-shaped, as pizza ovens have been for centuries, in order to achieve even heat distribution. Another variation is grilled pizza, in which the pizza is baked directly on a barbecue grill. Greek pizza, like <u>deep dish Chicago</u> and <u>Sicilian</u> style pizza, is baked in a pan rather than directly on the bricks of the pizza oven.

Most restaurants use standard and purpose-built pizza preparation tables to assemble their pizzas. <u>Mass</u> production of pizza by chains can be completely automated.

Pizza baking







A pizza being removed with a wooden peel



Charred crust on a <u>pizza</u>

<u>Margherita</u>, an acceptable trait
in artisanal pizza



Pizza grilling on an outdoor gas range

#### Crust

The bottom of the pizza, called the "crust", may vary widely according to style – thin as in a typical hand-tossed <u>Neapolitan pizza</u> or thick as in a deep-dish <u>Chicago-style</u>. It is traditionally plain, but may also be seasoned with garlic or herbs, or stuffed with cheese. The outer edge of the pizza is sometimes referred to as the *cornicione*. Some pizza dough contains sugar, to help its yeast rise and enhance browning of the crust. [47]

<u>Dipping sauce</u> specifically for pizza was invented by American pizza chain <u>Papa John's Pizza</u> in 1984 and has since been adopted by some when eating pizza, especially the crust. [48]



Caramelised crust – its *cornicione* (the outer edge) – of <u>slices</u> of <u>New</u> York–style pizza

#### Cheese

Mozzarella cheese is commonly used on pizza, with the <u>buffalo mozzarella</u> produced in the surroundings of Naples. Other cheeses are also used, particularly Italian cheeses including provolone, *pecorino romano*, ricotta, and <u>scamorza</u>. Less expensive processed cheeses or <u>cheese analogues</u> have been developed for <u>mass-market</u> pizzas to produce desirable qualities like browning, melting, stretchiness, consistent fat and moisture content, and stable <u>shelf life</u>. This quest to create the ideal and economical pizza cheese has involved many studies and experiments analyzing the impact of vegetable oil, manufacturing and culture

processes, <u>denatured</u> whey proteins, and other changes in manufacture. In 1997, it was estimated that annual production of pizza cheese was 1 million metric tons (1,100,000 short tons) in the U.S. and 100,000 metric tons (110,000 short tons) in Europe. [50]

# Varieties and styles

A great number of pizza varieties exist, defined by the choice of toppings and sometimes also crust. There are also several styles of pizza, defined by their preparation method. The following lists feature only the notable ones.

# **Varieties**

#### Pizza varieties

Image	Name	Characteristic ingredients	Origin	First attested	Notes
	Pizza Margherita	Tomatoes, mozzarella, basil.	Naples, Italy	June 1889	The archetypical Neapolitan pizza.
	Pizza marinara	Tomato sauce, olive oil, oregano, garlic. No cheese.	<u>Naples,</u> Italy	1734	One of the oldest Neapolitan pizza.
	Pizza capricciosa	Ham, mushrooms, artichokes, egg.	Rome, Lazio, Italy	1937	Similar to pizza quattro stagioni, but with toppings mixed rather than separated.
	Pizza ai quattro formaggi	Prepared using four kinds of cheese (Italian: ['kwattro for'maddʒi], "four cheeses"): mozzarella, Gorgonzola and two others depending on the region.	Lazio, Italy	Its origins are not clearly documented, but it is believed to originate from the Lazio region at the beginning of the 18th century. <sup>[51]</sup>	
	Pizza quattro stagioni	Artichokes, mushroom, ham, tomatoes.	Campania, Italy		The toppings are separated by quarter, representing the cycle of the seasons.

Pizza pugliese	Tomatoes, onion, mozzarella.	Apulia, Italy		
Seafood pizza	Seafood, such as fish, shellfish or squid.	<u>Italy</u>		Subvarieties include pizza ai frutti di mare (no cheese) and pizza pescatore (with mussels or squid).
Hawaiian pizza	Pineapple, ham or bacon.	<u>Canada</u>	1962	Tends to divide opinion. [52][53]

# Styles

### Pizza styles

Image	Name	Characteristics	Origin	First attested
	<u>Calzone</u>	Pizza folded in half <u>turnover</u> -style.	<u>Naples,</u> Italy	1700s
	<u>Pizzetta</u>	Small pizza served as an hors d'oeuvre or snack.	<u>Italy</u>	
	Deep-fried pizza	The pizza is <u>deep-fried</u> (cooked in oil) instead of baked.	Italy and Scotland	
	California- style pizza	Distinguished by the use of non-traditional ingredients, especially varieties of fresh produce.	<u>California</u> , U.S.	1980

Chicago- style pizza	Baked in a pan with a high edge that holds in a thick layer of toppings. The crust is sometimes stuffed with cheese or other ingredients.	Chicago, U.S.	<u>c.</u> 1940s
Colorado- style pizza	Made with a characteristically thick, braided crust topped with heavy amounts of sauce and cheese. It is traditionally served by the pound, with a side of honey as a condiment.	<u>Colorado</u> , U.S.	1973
Detroit- style pizza	The cheese is spread to the edges and caramelizes against the high-sided heavyweight rectangular pan, giving the crust a lacy, crispy edge.	Detroit, U.S.	1946
Grandma pizza	Thin, square, baked in a sheet pan, "reminiscent of pizzas cooked at home by Italian housewives without a pizza oven". [54]	Long Island, U.S.	Early 1900s
Greek pizza	Proofed and baked in a shallow pan; the crust is light and similar to focaccia.	Connecticut, U.S.	1955
Italian tomato pie	Made from thick dough covered by tomato paste; a variation on Sicilian pizza. Also called pizza strips (when cut as in the image), gravy pie, church pie, red bread, party pizza, etc.	U.S.	Early 1900s
Jumbo slice	Very large slice of pizza sold as street food.	New York and Washington, D.C., U.S.	1981

New York– style pizza	Neapolitan-derived pizza with a characteristic thin foldable crust.	New York metropolitan area (and beyond)	Early 1900s
St. Louis– style pizza	The style has a thin cracker-like crust made without yeast, generally uses Provel cheese, and is cut into squares or rectangles instead of wedges.	St. Louis, U.S.	1945

### By region of origin

#### Italy

Authentic Neapolitan pizza (Italian: *pizza napoletana*) is made with San Marzano tomatoes, grown on the volcanic plains south of Mount Vesuvius, and either *mozzarella di bufala campana*, made with milk from water buffalo raised in the marshlands of Campania and Lazio<sup>[55]</sup> or *fior di latte*. Buffalo mozzarella is protected with its own European protected designation of origin. Other traditional pizzas include pizza marinara, which is topped with marinara sauce and is supposedly the most ancient tomato-topped pizza, pizza capricciosa, which is prepared with mozzarella cheese, baked ham, mushroom, artichoke, and tomato, and pizza pugliese, prepared with tomato, mozzarella, and onions.

A popular variant of pizza in Italy is <u>Sicilian pizza</u> (locally called *sfincione* or *sfinciuni*), a **thick-crust** or **deep-dish pizza** originating during the 17th century in <u>Sicily</u>: it is essentially a <u>focaccia</u> that is typically topped with tomato sauce and other ingredients. Until the 1860s, *sfincione* was the type of pizza usually consumed in Sicily, especially in the Western portion of the island. Other variations of pizzas are also found in other regions of Italy, for example *pizza al padellino* or *pizza al tegamino*, a small-sized, thick-crust, deep-dish pizza typically served in <u>Turin</u>, Piedmont.

#### **United States**

The first pizzeria in the U.S. was opened in New York City's Little Italy in 1905. Common toppings for pizza in the United States include anchovies, ground beef, chicken, ham, mushrooms, olives, onions, peppers, pepperoni, salami, sausage, spinach, steak, and tomatoes. Distinct regional types developed in the 20th century, including Buffalo, California, Chicago, Detroit, Greek, New Haven, New York, and St. Louis styles. These regional variations include deep-dish, stuffed, pockets, turnovers, rolled, and pizza-on-a-stick, each with seemingly limitless combinations of sauce and toppings.



Pizza banquet in the White House (2009)

Thirteen percent of the United States population consumes pizza on any given day. Pizza chains such as Domino's Pizza, Pizza Hut, and Papa John's, pizzas from take and bake pizzerias, and chilled or frozen pizzas from supermarkets make pizza readily available nationwide.

#### **Argentina**

Argentine pizza is a mainstay of the country's cuisine, [69] especially of its capital Buenos Aires, where it is regarded as a cultural heritage and icon of the city. [70][71][72] Argentina is the country with the most pizzerias per inhabitant in the world and, although they are consumed throughout the country, the highest concentration of pizzerias and customers is Buenos Aires, the city with the highest consumption of pizzas in the world (estimated in 2015 to be 14 million per year). [73] As such, the city has been considered as one of the world capitals of pizza. [71][73] The dish was introduced to Buenos Aires in the late 19th century with the massive Italian immigration, as part of a broader great European immigration wave to the country. [71] Thus, around the same time



Traditional <u>Argentine-style pizzas</u> "*de molde*" being prepared at a pizzeria in Buenos Aires

that the iconic <u>pizza Margherita</u> was being invented in Italy, pizza were already being cooked in the Argentine capital. The impoverished Italian immigrants that arrived to the city transformed the originally modest dish into a much more hefty meal, motivated by the abundance of food in Argentina. In the 1930s, pizza was cemented as a cultural icon in Buenos Aires, with the new pizzerias becoming a central space for sociability for the working class people who flocked to the city.



<u>Fugazzeta</u> is one of the typical pizza styles of Buenos Aires.

The most characteristic style of Argentine pizza—which almost all the classic pizzerias in Buenos Aires specialize in—is the so-called *pizza de molde* (Spanish for 'pizza in the pan'), characterized by having a "thick, spongy base and elevated bready crust". [71] This style, which today is identified as the typical style of Argentine pizza—characterized by a thick crust and a large amount of cheese—arose when impoverished Italian immigrants found a greater abundance of food in then-prosperous Argentina, which motivated them to transform the originally modest dish into a much more hefty meal suitable for a main course. [73][75] The name *pizza de molde* emerged because there were no pizza ovens in the city, so bakers resorted to baking them in pans. [76] Since they used bakery plates, Argentine pizzas were initially square or rectangular, a format

associated with the 1920s that is still maintained in some classic pizzerias, especially for vegetable pizzas, *fugazzetas* or *fugazzas*. [76]

Other styles of Argentine pizza include the iconic  $\underline{fugazza}$  and its derivative  $\underline{fugazza}$  or  $\underline{fugazza}$  con  $\underline{queso}$  (a terminology that varies depending on the pizzeria),  $\underline{f(71)}$  or the  $\underline{pizza}$  de  $\underline{cancha}$  or  $\underline{canchera}$  (a cheese-less variant).  $\underline{f(77)}$  Most pizza menus include standard flavor combinations, including the traditional plain mozzarella, nicknamed " $\underline{muza}$ " or " $\underline{musa}$ "; the  $\underline{napolitana}$  or " $\underline{napo}$ ", with "cheese, sliced tomatoes, garlic, dried oregano and a few green olives", not to be confused with Neapolitan pizza;  $\underline{f(71)}$   $\underline{calabresa}$ , with slices

of <u>longaniza</u>; [78] jamon y morrones, with sliced <u>ham</u> and roasted <u>bell peppers</u>; [71] as well as versions with provolone, with <u>anchovies</u>, [78] with <u>hearts of palm</u>, or with chopped <u>hard boiled egg</u>. [71] A typical custom that is unique to Buenos Aires is to accompany pizza with *fainá*, a pancake made from chickpea flour. [79]

### Records

As of 2021, according to Guinness World Records:

- The world's largest pizza was prepared in Rome in December 2012, and measured 1,261 square meters (13,570 square feet). The pizza was named "Ottavia" in homage to the first Roman emperor Octavian Augustus, and was made with a gluten-free base. [80]
- The world's longest pizza was 1,930.39 meters (6,333 feet  $3^{1}/_{2}$  inches) long; it was made in Fontana, California, in 2017. Other previous records include that of Marquinetti (Tomelloso, Spain), where a 1141.5 m pizza was achieved, itself surpassing a previous record in Poland. [82]
- The world's most expensive commercially available pizza recognised by *Guinness World Records* costs <u>US\$2,700</u>, and was sold at Industry Kitchen (USA) in New York City, New York, as of 24 April 2017. It is made of black <u>squid ink</u> dough, and topped with UK white Stilton cheese, French foie gras and truffles, Ossetra caviar from the Caspian Sea, Almas caviar, and 24K gold leaves. [83]
- More expensive pizzas have been reported, but are not recognised by *Guinness World Records*, such as the £4,200 "Pizza Royale 007" at Haggis restaurant in Glasgow, Scotland, which is topped with caviar, lobster, and 24-carat gold dust, and the US\$1,000 caviar pizza made by Nino's Bellissima pizzeria in New York City, New York.
- A pizza made by the restaurateur Domenico Crolla that included toppings such as sunblushtomato sauce, Scottish smoked salmon, medallions of venison, edible gold, lobster marinated in cognac, and champagne-soaked caviar. The pizza was auctioned for charity in 2007, raising £2,150. [85]

### Pizza and health

Some pizzas <u>mass-produced</u> by <u>pizza chains</u> have been criticized as having an unhealthy balance of ingredients. Pizza can be high in <u>salt</u> and fat, and is high in <u>calories</u>. The <u>USDA</u> reports an average sodium content of 5,100 mg per 14 in (36 cm) pizza in fast food chains. There are concerns about undesirable health effects. [87][88]



Boy Scouts with pizza

### Similar dishes

- <u>Calzone</u> and <u>stromboli</u> are similar dishes that are often made of pizza dough folded (calzone) or rolled (stromboli) around a filling.
- Panzerotti are similar to calzones, but fried rather than baked.
- *Piadina* is a thin Italian flatbread, typically prepared in the Romagna historical region.
- <u>Focaccia</u> is a flat <u>leavened</u> oven-baked Italian bread, similar in style and texture to pizza; in some places, it is called *pizza bianca* (<u>lit.</u> 'white pizza'). [89]
- <u>Farinata</u> or <u>cecina</u>. [90] A Ligurian (<u>farinata</u>) and Tuscan (<u>cecina</u>) regional dish made from chickpea flour, water, salt, and olive oil. Also called <u>socca</u> in the <u>Provence</u> region of France. Often baked in a brick oven, and typically weighed and sold by the slice.

- <u>Coca</u> is a similar dish consumed mainly in Catalonia and neighbouring regions, but that has extended to other areas in Spain, and to Algeria. There are sweet and savoury versions.
- The Alsatian flammekueche<sup>[91]</sup> (standard German: Flammkuchen; French: tarte flambée) is a thin disc of dough covered in crème fraîche, onions, and bacon.
- Garlic fingers is an Atlantic Canadian dish, similar to a pizza in shape and size, and made with similar dough. It is garnished with melted butter, garlic, cheese, and sometimes bacon.
- The <u>Anatolian lahmacun</u> (Arabic: laḥm bi'ajīn; Armenian: lahmajoun; also *Turkish pizza* or *Armenian pizza*) is a meat-topped dough round. The base is very thin, and the layer of meat often includes chopped vegetables. [92]
- The <u>Levantine manakish</u> (Arabic: ma'ujnāt) and <u>sfiha</u> (Arabic: laḥm bi'ajīn; also *Arab pizza*) are dishes similar to pizza.
- Panizza is half a stick of bread (often <u>baguette</u>), topped with the usual pizza ingredients, baked in an oven.
- The Macedonian pastrmalija is a bread pie made from dough and meat. It is usually oval-shaped with chopped meat on top of it.
- The Provençal <u>pissaladière</u> is similar to an Italian pizza, with a slightly thicker crust and a topping of cooked onions, anchovies, and olives.
- Pizza bagel is a bagel with toppings similar to that of traditional pizzas.
- Pizza bread is an open-faced sandwich made of bread, tomato sauce, cheese, [93] and various toppings.
- Pizza sticks are baked with pizza dough and pizza ingredients. [94] Bread dough may also be used in their preparation, [95] and some versions are fried. [96]
- Pizza snack rolls are a trade-marked commercial product.
- Okonomiyaki, a Japanese dish cooked on a hotplate, is often referred to as "Japanese pizza". [97]
- Zanzibar pizza is a street food served in <u>Stone Town</u>, <u>Zanzibar</u>, Tanzania. It uses a dough much thinner than pizza dough, almost like <u>filo</u> dough, filled with minced beef, onions, and an egg, similar to Moroccan bastīla. [98]
- Zwiebelkuchen, a German onion tart, often baked with diced bacon and caraway seeds.

#### See also



- Italian cuisine culinary traditions of Italy
- List of Italian dishes
- List of pizza chains
- List of pizza varieties by country
- List of baked goods
- Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba pizzeria in Naples, Italy
- Flammekueche food speciality of the Alsace region
- Khachapuri Georgian cheese-filled bread
- Lahmacun Middle Eastern flatbread with minced meat
- Manakish Levantine flatbread dish
- Matzah pizza Jewish pizza dish
- Wähe Swiss type of tart

- Pizza cake multiple-layer pizza
- Pizza cheese cheese for use specifically on pizza
- Pizza in China overview of the role of pizza in China
- Pizza delivery service in which a pizzeria delivers pizza to a customer
- Pizza farm farm split into sections like a pizza split into slices
- Pizza party social gathering at which pizza is eaten
- Pizza saver object used to prevent the top of a food container from collapsing
- Pizza strips a tomato pie of Italian-American origin
- Pizza theorem equality of areas of alternating sectors of a disk with equal angles through any interior point

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