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Cnicken, Snrimp And Beef Sates With Peanut Sauce

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There's something for everyone in this traditional specialty. Don't forget to soak the bamboo skewers before using them.

Yield: Serves 8

ingredients

For Saté:

1 cup teriyaki sauce

4 garlic cloves, minced

3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

2 1/2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

2 tablespoons brown sugar

24 medium uncooked shrimp, peeled, deveined

1 1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch-wide strips

1 1/4 pounds beef skirt steak, cut into 3x1/2-inch strips, or filet mignon, cut into 3 x 1/2 x 1/4-inch strips

36 (about) bamboo skewers, soaked in water 30 minutes

Banana leaves or ornamental kale

Lime slices

For peanut sauce:

1 cup creamy peanut butter (do not use old-fashioned style or freshly ground)

1 14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

3 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon soy sauce

2 tablespoons chopped peeled fresh ginger

1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper

Lime peel julienne

Hibiscus or gardenia flowers (optional)

preparation

For saté: Combine first 5 ingredients in large glass baking dish, Stir until sugar dissolves. Add shrimp, chicken and beef; stir to coat. Cover; chill 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Remove shrimp, chicken and beef from marinade. Thread on separate skewers, using about 3 shrimp per skewer and 2 beef or chicken pieces per skewer. Place on platter. (Can be prepared 2 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)

Prepare barbecue (medium-high heat) or preheat broiler. Grill skewered meats until cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Line large platter with banana leaves. Place sauce in bowl in center of platter.

Surround with skewers. Garnish with lime and flowers, if desired, and serve.

For peanut sauce:

Place peanut butter in heavy medium saucepan. Gradually mix in chicken broth. Add all remaining ingredients except lime peel. Stir over medium heat until smooth and thick, about 6 minutes. (Can be prepared 3 days ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Before serving, stir over medium heat until hot, thinning with water if necessary.) Pour sauce into bowl and garnish with lime peel. Makes about 3 cups.

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