

CRUNCHY HERB CALAMARI

INGREDIENTS

700g calamari (25 oz.)
100g bread flour (3.5 oz.)
50g semolina flour (1.5 oz.)
1 tbsp peppercorns (or ground pepper)
2 tbsps salt
1/2 tbsp paprika (optional)
1 tbsp oregano (optional)
vegetable oil for frying

METHOD

Step 1

To start clean the calamari and wash thoroughly. Using a sharp knife cut the calamari in slices, approx. 1 cm each. This will create the rings. Place the calamari rings on some paper towel to get rid of the excessive water.

Step 2

Prepare the seasoning for the fried calamari. In a blender add the seasoning and pulse until powdered. (Alternatively you can use a pestle.)

Step 3

In a large sandwich bag or tupperware add the flour and seasoning. Place in the sliced calamari and shake well to coat (you will need to do this in batches). Remove the calamari onto a plate, shaking of any excess flour.

Step 4

Into a medium sized frying pan pour enough vegetable oil to deep fry the calamari. Heat the oil to medium high heat until it begins to bubble. Test if the oil is hot enough by dipping one of the calamari rings in; if it sizzles the oil is ready. Fry the calamari in batches for about 2-3 minutes, until nicely golden.

Step 5

Remove the fried calamari using a slotted spoon and place on some paper towel to dry for 1-2 minutes. Have a taste and sprinkle with some more salt.

Step 6

Serve hot with some lemon wedges.

THE COOKERY

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