The WHFoods Meal Plan

The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan
7 Days & 23 Delicious Recipes provide 100% of our recommended daily nutrients

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Introduction

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Welcome to our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan! One of the easiest and most effective ways to boost your nourishment and potential health benefits is by adopting a way of eating that focuses on the World's Healthiest Foods. And that's exactly what you will be doing by adopting this easy-to-follow plan. Before telling you more about our meal plan and the way it works, however, we want to share some of its highlights:

- Meets or exceeds 100% of our daily nutrient recommendations for all 29 nutrients in our rating system
- Achieves these nutrient percentages without the use of any dietary supplements
- Provides dietary fiber in an amount that nearly triples the U.S. average (47 grams vs. 18 grams)
- 1,878 calories for an average day—200 calories less than the daily U.S. average of 2,081 calories
- Averages 8 total cups of vegetables per day—far exceeding public health recommendations including Dietary Guidelines for Americans, My Plate, and American Heart Association guidelines
- Averages over 2 cups of cruciferous vegetables per day—a vegetable subgroup second to none
- Averages over 1/2 cup of allium vegetables per day—including phytonutrient-rich garlic and onions
- Averages 3/4 cup of red/purple vegetables per day—providing phytonutrients like lycopene and anthocyanins
- Averages 3 grams of omega-3s per day—and once again, without the use of dietary supplements

We think of the World's Healthiest Foods as "nutritional powerhouses" because they are packed with nutrients yet contribute very little to your daily caloric intake. Basing your meal plan on the World's Healthiest Foods is a great way to ensure that you get the greatest nutritional bang for your caloric buck. Nutrient-richness serves as the foundation for our meal plan, and this idea is what led us to focus on the World's Healthiest vegetables in the plan owing to their superlative nutrient-richness. It's no accident that you will find our meal plan containing over 50 of the World's Healthiest Foods and nearly half of these foods are vegetables! These foods are the pathway to outstanding nourishment.

Nutrient-rich foods would not be such a big deal if they weren't linked over and over in research studies to improved health. But they are! Scientific studies continue to recognize that the World's Healthiest Foods—as compared with supplements—serve as our best source of nutrients. In addition, research studies show decreased risk for a large number of chronic diseases when foods like the World's Healthiest Foods are regularly consumed.

Importantly, our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan consists of foods that are meant to be enjoyed at a sit-down meal in a relaxed setting so that they can be properly chewed and savored. When whole, minimally processed foods are enjoyed in this way, they have a much better chance of following a natural course of digestion and providing us with the kind of outstanding nourishment that we are seeking. Our meal plan takes this set of circumstances one step further, by providing a nutrient-rich way of cooking that enhances great nourishment.

There isn't a single cell in our body (and we have trillions and trillion of individual cells) that doesn't rely on nutrient intake from the food we eat. And there isn't a single system in our body (including our muscles, our bones, our nerves and brain, or our circulatory system) that doesn't require dietary nutrients. So it is by no means a stretch to
say that nutrient-rich foods improve our health in more ways than we can count!

Our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan doesn't contain any unfamiliar ingredients and it doesn't require you to take any unusual steps in your meal pattern. Each of the seven days in our plan provides three nutrient-rich meals, combined with a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack. Whole, nutrient-rich foods are relied on every step of the way.

For each of the seven days, we provide you with a brief summary of all meals and snacks. Next, you get full recipes with exact ingredients and easy-to-follow directions that make preparation and cooking simple and quick. Even for our dinners, total preparation-plus-cooking time is just 15-30 minutes. You'll also see full color photos of the mouth-watering recipe results! Finally, we provide you with two complete shopping lists that you can bring along with you to the grocery store. The first list contains all necessary ingredients for Days 1 through 4, and the second covers Days 5 through 7. By dividing your ingredient purchases into two separate grocery store trips, you can help assure freshness and optimal quality for the week.

Everything we eat and drink affects both our mind and body. We hope that our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan empowers you to promote your own health and enjoy the pleasures of healthy eating!

For more information about our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan, see the articles below at the end of this plan:

1. Nutrient Percentages Provided By The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan
2. Health Benefits Provided By The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan
3. Why We Recommend The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan As Your Go-To Approach For Nourishment
4. How Our World's Healthiest Foods Recipes Make Exceptional Nourishment Possible
Day 1
The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan
7 Days for the Most Nutritious Way of Eating

**Breakfast**

**Energizing Blueberry Smoothie**

Jump start your day with our nutritious smoothie that is so filling it will help satisfy your appetite until lunch!

Prep and Cook Time: 5 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1-1/4 cup spinach or kale
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1 TBS sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup coconut water
- 1/2 cup orange juice or apple juice
- 3-4 ice cubes (optional)
- Optional: 1/2-1 tsp grated ginger

**Directions:**
Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. If too thick, add water or coconut water to thin.

Serves 1

Research has found blueberries to provide a powerhouse of antioxidants.

**Snack**

1 cup cantaloupe

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**Lunch**

**Caesar Salad with Navy Beans**

Navy beans add extra nutrition and flavor to this traditional salad favorite.

Prep and Cook Time: 10 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups romaine lettuce, thinly sliced
- 1 TBS grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup navy beans, drained
- 2 TBS sunflower seeds, chopped or ground
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, thinly sliced

**Dressing:**
- 1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1-1/2 TBS fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced

Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste

Optional: 1/4 tsp smoked paprika

**Directions:**
Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl. Whisk dressing ingredients together in a small bowl, and toss with salad.

Serves 1

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**Healthy Lifestyle Tea**

Green tea is rich in antioxidant phytonutrients that help fight free radicals.

Prep and Cook Time: 5 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup green tea
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp grated ginger

**Directions:**
Prepare 1 cup of green tea. Add lemon juice and ginger.

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Caesar Salad with Navy Beans
Dinner

Turmeric Glazed Salmon with Broccoli

*Turmeric is a proven anti-inflammatory spice. Combined with orange juice it makes a delicious sauce for the salmon and vegetables in this easy dinner.*

Prep and Cook Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup fresh squeezed orange juice
- 1/2 tsp orange zest [organic orange]
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/4 tsp iodized sea salt
- 2 TBS cilantro, chopped
- 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch red chili flakes [optional]
- 2 cups chopped broccoli [see instructions below]
- 1/2 cup lacinato kale, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 oz piece wild caught salmon fillet
- 3/4 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 small clove garlic, chopped or pressed
- Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste

**Directions:**

1. Whisk together orange juice, orange zest, ground turmeric, iodized sea salt, and chili flakes if using, in a small sauce pan. Simmer over medium heat, until reduced by half. Sauce will be thicker after it is reduced.
2. Remove sauce from heat and stir in cilantro and olive oil. Set aside.

**PREPARE BROCCOLI, KALE AND ONIONS:**

1. Fill the bottom of the steamer with 2 inches water and heat, covered.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch, even pieces.
3. Remove tough stems from kale and chop finely.
4. Thinly slice onion.
5. Let vegetables sit 5 minutes before steaming.
6. Layer the vegetables in the steamer, onions first, then broccoli and kale. Cover with a tight-fitting lid and steam for 5 minutes, until bright green.
7. Transfer cooked vegetables to a bowl and mix with about half of the turmeric orange sauce. Keep warm.

**PREPARE SALMON:**

1. Chop or press garlic and let sit for 5 minutes.
2. Rub salmon with lemon juice, garlic, and iodized sea salt and black pepper.
3. To “Quick-Broil” salmon, see instructions in Quick-Broiled Salmon and Vegetables with Dijon Dill Sauce recipe on Day 7

Note: You can also also bake salmon in the oven. Bake at 400° F [205 °C] for 5-8 minutes or until salmon is cooked through.

**ASSEMBLE THE DISH:**

1. Place the cooked vegetables on a plate.
2. Top with cooked salmon and pour remaining sauce over salmon and vegetables. Serve immediately.

**Serves 1**
Day 2

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**Breakfast**

Poached Egg on Toast with Avocado and Tomato

*Poaching eggs preserves their delicate nutrients. This easy-to-prepare breakfast has protein, healthy fats and fiber to start your day right.*

Prep and Cook Time: 10 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 poached egg
- 1 slice gluten-free toast
- 3-4 slices avocado
- 2 slices tomato
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small clove garlic, chopped or pressed
- Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste
- A few drops of your favorite hot sauce (optional)

**Directions:**
1. Chop or press garlic and let sit for 5 minutes.
2. Poach egg.
3. Toast bread.
4. Mix garlic and olive oil and drizzle on toast.
5. Assemble the avocado, tomato and egg on the toast and season with iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste. Sprinkle with hot sauce if desired.
6. Serve with 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt and 1/2 cup blueberries

Serves 1

1/2 cup low-fat yogurt with 1/2 cup blueberries

**Lunch**

Mediterranean Lentil Salad

*Hearty lentils combine with fresh herbs and tangy balsamic vinegar in this quick and easy salad. You can prepare it ahead—it keeps well.*

Prep Time: 10 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup romaine lettuce or arugula, thinly sliced
- 1 cup canned lentils, drained
- 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 1/2 TBS crumbled feta
- 1 1/2 tsp balsamic vinegar
- Optional: 2 TBS fresh basil, chopped

**Directions:**
1. Combine all ingredients except romaine in a large bowl. Gently toss in lettuce or arugula.
2. This salad can marinate for up to 2 hours before serving or can be eaten right after it’s made.

Serves 1

Note: Save 1/2 cup of this salad for a snack on Day 7.

**Snack**

1 cup cantaloupe

**Snack**

1 medium apple

Healthy Lifestyle Tea

*Please see recipe on Day 1*
**Breakfast**
Healthy Lifestyle Tea
Poached Egg on Toast with Avocado and Tomato
1/2 cup low-fat yogurt with 1/2 cup blueberries

**Snack**
1 medium apple

**Lunch**
Mediterranean Lentil Salad
Mediterranean Dressing

**Snack**
1 cup cantaloupe

**Dinner**
Easy Thai Chicken Curry

**Mediterranean Dressing**
As our Mediterranean Dressing is used in many of the dishes, here is a recipe for a larger quantity of the dressing that can be made ahead of time, and used when needed.

**Ingredients:**
- 5 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste

**Directions:**
1. Chop or press garlic and let it sit for 5 minutes.
2. Whisk together the lemon juice, garlic, iodized sea salt, and black pepper.
3. Slowly pour the extra virgin olive oil into the mixture while whisking constantly. The more slowly you pour and the faster you whisk, the thicker and creamier the dressing will be.

The dressing will store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days. It will solidify so you will need to bring it back to room temperature before using.

**Easy Thai Chicken Curry**

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup onion, sliced
- 3/4 cup crimini mushrooms, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 3 TBS low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tsp Thai red curry paste or to taste
- 3 oz chicken breast, sliced thinly
- 1 cup cauliflower, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1 cup broccoli, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 3/4 cup regular coconut milk
- 3/4 tsp fresh lime juice, plus extra lime wedges
- Iodized sea salt to taste
- 2 TBS chopped fresh basil or cilantro
- Optional: red chili flakes or cayenne pepper to taste

**Directions:**
1. Chop onions and garlic and let sit 5 minutes. Slice chicken and mushrooms.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from the large, thick stem. Slice smaller stems into 1/4 inch pieces. Slice florets into 4-6 pieces.
3. Cut cauliflower into even 1/4 inch pieces. Let broccoli and cauliflower sit for 5 minutes. Cutting the broccoli and cauliflower into small pieces is important to ensure proper cooking.
4. Heat broth in a shallow stainless steel skillet with tight fitting lid, over medium heat, covered.
5. Add onions and mushrooms and sauté, covered, for 3 minutes.
6. Add garlic, curry paste and stir to combine. (Add optional cayenne or chili flakes if using).
7. Add coconut milk and stir. Add chicken, and layer broccoli and cauliflower so that they cook on top of the chicken. When the mixture begins to bubble, cover and cook for 5 minutes. During this time, do not take off the lid or stir the curry, to ensure proper cooking.
8. Add fresh lime juice and herbs and season to taste with iodized sea salt. Serve with lime wedges.

Optional: Serve with 1/2 cup cooked brown rice.

Serves 1
Day 3

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**Breakfast**

**Satisfying Strawberry Smoothie**

Strawberries are heart-healthy and high in vitamin C. Get your morning started right with this robust smoothie. Ginger adds a tasty kick.

Prep Time: 5-10 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1/4 cup old fashioned oats
- 1 TBS sunflower seeds
- 1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen strawberries, cut into chunks
- 1 cup fresh spinach or kale
- 1 medium banana, fresh or frozen cut into chunks
- 3/4 cup coconut water
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 3-4 ice cubes (optional)
- Optional: 1/2-1 tsp grated ginger

**Directions:**
Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. If too thick, add water or coconut water to thin.

**Serves 1**

**Healthy Lifestyle Tea**

*Please see recipe on Day 1*

**Snack**

1 medium orange

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**Lunch**

**Tuna Crunch Salad with Dijon Dill Dressing**

Give your afternoon a boost with this tangy, crunchy salad—it comes together in minutes! Crunchy walnuts are a healthy substitute for croutons.

Prep Time: 10-15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely diced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped broccoli
- 4 cups romaine lettuce or mixed salad greens, thinly sliced
- 2.5 oz canned tuna packed in water, drained (half a of a 5oz can)
- 1/3 cup celery, finely diced
- 2 TBS walnuts, chopped
- 2 TBS parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup tomato, diced
- 1 TBS sunflower seeds
- Dijon Dill Dressing:
  - 1 medium clove garlic, pressed
  - 1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
  - 2 TBS fresh lemon juice
  - 1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
  - 1 TBS fresh [or 1/2 tsp dried] dill
  - Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste

**Directions:**
1. Dice onions and press garlic and let sit for 5-10 minutes.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from the large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch pieces. Let broccoli sit for 5 minutes. We recommend chopping small for best flavor in the salad.
3. Place all salad ingredients in a large bowl.
4. Whisk dressing ingredients together in a small bowl.
5. Toss dressing with salad and serve.

**Serves 1**

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**Snack**

1/2 cup Mediterranean Lentil Salad

*(From Day 2 Lunch)*

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Tuna Crunch Salad with Dijon Dill Dressing
Breakfast
Healthy Lifestyle Tea
Satisfying Strawberry Smoothie
Snack
1 medium orange

Lunch
Tuna Crunch Salad with Dijon Dill Dressing
Snack
1/2 cup Mediterranean Lentil Salad

Dinner
Shiitake Sesame Chicken Bowl

The cruciferous vegetables, broccoli and napa cabbage add an additional powerhouse of nutrients to your WHFoods Meal Plan. Enjoy this Asian-style bowl. It’s a meal-in-one!

Optional: You can prepare 1/2 cup brown rice for this meal. Start cooking rice a few minutes before you begin cooking the meal. Follow directions on package for best results.

Prep and Cook Time: 15-20 minutes [not including rice cooking time]

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 6 TBS low-sodium chicken broth, plus more as needed
- 2 tsp grated ginger
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 3/4 cup shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 3 oz chicken breast, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3/4 cup scallions [green onion], cut into 1/4 inch pieces on the diagonal
- 1 1/2 cups broccoli, evenly chopped into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1/2 cup Napa cabbage, chopped into 1 inch pieces
- 2 tsp rice vinegar
- 1 1/2 TBS tamari soy sauce, plus more to taste
- 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp toasted sesame seeds
- Optional: red chili flakes to taste
- Optional: Serve with 1/2 cup cooked brown rice.

Directions:

1. Chop or press garlic, slice red onions and scallions and let sit 5 minutes.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch, even pieces.
3. Heat 3 TBS of the broth on medium high in a shallow stainless steel skillet with tight-fitting lid on.
4. When broth begins to steam, add garlic, ginger, red onions, red bell pepper, and shiitake mushrooms and sauté for 2 minutes, covered with a tight-fitting lid.
5. Next, add in this order: chicken, scallions, broccoli, Napa cabbage, remaining 3 TBS broth, rice vinegar, and tamari and chili flakes if using. Cover and steam over medium heat for 5 minutes, covered. Do not stir or remove lid.
6. Turn off heat and stir in 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil, sprinkle with sesame seeds.
7. If you are using rice, add that to a large bowl, and top with the shiitake chicken mixture. Serve immediately.

Serves 1

Note: If you wish to use the large broccoli stem, cut off the bottom 1 inch of the stem. Peel the tough skin off the stem. Chop stem into 1/4 inch pieces and cook with the rest of the broccoli.
Day 4

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**Breakfast**

**Power Oatmeal with Berries**

*Fresh berries, low-fat yogurt and protein-rich sunflower seeds ramp up the flavor and nutrition in this breakfast.*

*Note: If you are using pre-packaged oats, it’s best to follow the directions on the package.*

Prep Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup water
- Pinch iodized sea salt
- 1/2 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 2 TBS pumpkin seeds, chopped or ground
- 1/2 cup blueberries, strawberries or raspberries (or a combination)
- 1/2 cup almond milk
- 3/4 cup low-fat yogurt

**Directions:**

1. Bring the water and iodized salt to a boil in a saucepan, then turn the heat to low and add the oats. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring regularly so that the oatmeal will not clump together. Add cinnamon and pumpkin seeds, stir, cover the pan and turn off heat. Let sit for 5 minutes. Serve with berries, almond milk and low-fat yogurt.

**Serves 1**

**Healthy Lifestyle Tea**

*Please see recipe on Day 1*

**Snack**

1/2 medium papaya with lime

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**Lunch**

**Chopped Chicken and Avocado Salad with Chili Garlic Dressing**

*Zesty jalapenos, cumin and garlic kick up the flavor in this hearty lunch salad.*

Prep Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups romaine lettuce or mixed salad greens, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 cup celery
- 1/2 cup avocado, cubed
- 2 TBS pumpkin seeds, chopped or ground
- 3 oz cooked chicken breast, diced
- 2 TBS grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 TBS cilantro, chopped
- Chili Garlic Dressing:
  - 1 small clove garlic, chopped or pressed
  - 1 tsp fresh jalapeno chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped [use gloves]
  - OR 1-2 tsp pickled jalapeno, finely chopped
  - 1 tsp Dijon mustard
  - 1 tsp apple cider vinegar
  - 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
  - 1/4 tsp ground cumin
  - 1/8 tsp iodized sea salt
  - 1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
  - Black pepper to taste

**Directions:**

1. Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Chop or press garlic and let sit 5 minutes.
3. Whisk together all dressing ingredients in a small bowl.
4. Add dressing to the salad, toss gently and serve.
5. Whisk dressing ingredients together in a small bowl.
6. Toss dressing with salad and serve.

**Serves 1**
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### Snack

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### Dinner

**Seafood Asparagus with Ginger Orange Sauce**

Cod and salmon, crunchy asparagus and savory mushrooms come together in a tangy, gingery sauce.

Optional: You can prepare 1/2 cup brown rice for this meal. Start cooking rice a few minutes before you begin cooking the meal. Follow the directions on the package for best results.

Prep and Cook Time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients:

- 1-2 tsp grated ginger
- 2 medium cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh crimini mushrooms, quartered and sliced
- 1 cup asparagus, cut into 1/2 inch pieces on diagonal (discard tough ends)
- 1-1/2 cups broccoli (see chopping instructions below)
- 1 cup asparagus, cut into 1/2 inch pieces on diagonal (discard tough ends)
- 3 oz cod fillet, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 3 oz salmon fillet, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1/4 tsp iodized sea salt
- 1/2 tsp fresh lemon juice

**Sauce:**

- 5 TBS low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 tsp orange zest (organic orange)
- 1/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 TBS tamari soy sauce
- Pinch red chili flakes
- 1/4 cup cherry tomatoes cut in quarters
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1-1/2 TBS extra virgin olive oil

Optional: 1/2 cup cooked brown rice.

#### Directions:

1. Slice onion and chop or press garlic and let sit for 5 minutes.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from the large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch, even pieces.
3. Sprinkle fish with iodized sea salt and lemon juice and set aside.
4. In a small bowl, combine 5 TBS broth, orange juice and zest, tamari (soy sauce), and chili flakes.
5. Heat a 12-inch stainless steel skillet on medium high heat. Add the orange juice mixture and simmer for 3 minutes, uncovered, to reduce slightly.
6. Add onions and cook for 2 minutes, covered with tight fitting lid.
7. Add the following ingredients, layering in the pan in this order: ginger, garlic, mushrooms, broccoli, asparagus,. Cover tightly and cook for another 3 minutes. Turn the heat down to medium.
8. Add cod and salmon. Cover and simmer for 2- 3 minutes. The fish will be opaque and asparagus bright green when done. Be careful not to overcook.
9. Turn off heat and toss in tomatoes, cilantro, and extra virgin olive oil.

**Serves 1**
Day 5

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**Breakfast**

**Rousing Raspberry Smoothie**
Sweet and tangy raspberries are rich in antioxidants and fiber. Almond butter adds healthy fat and protein.
Prep Time: 5-10 minutes

*Ingredients:*
1 TBS almond butter
1/4 cup old fashioned oats
1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
1-1/4 cup fresh spinach or kale
1 medium banana, fresh or frozen cut into chunks
3/4 cup coconut water
1/4 cup apple juice
3-4 ice cubes (optional)
Optional: 1/2-1 tsp grated ginger

*Directions:*
1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. If too thick, add water or coconut water to thin.

*Serves 1*

**Healthy Lifestyle Tea**
*Please see recipe on Day 1*

**Snack**
1/2 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 medium pear

**Lunch**

**Curried Turkey Salad**
The creamy curry dressing pairs with turkey and crunchy vegetables in this tasty and nutritious salad. Crunchy walnuts are a healthy substitute for croutons.
Prep Time: 15 minutes

*Ingredients:*
4 cups romaine lettuce or mixed salad greens, thinly sliced
3oz cooked, sliced turkey breast
1/4 cup tomato, diced
1/4 cup celery diced
1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup avocado, diced
2 TBS walnuts, chopped
Optional: 1 TBS raisins

Creamy Curry Dressing:
1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
1 TBS lime or lemon juice
1/2 tsp balsamic vinegar
2 TBS plain low-fat Greek yogurt
1/2 tsp curry powder
1/2 tsp iodized sea salt
Black pepper to taste

*Directions:*
1. Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Whisk together dressing ingredients in a small bowl.
3. Add dressing to salad, toss gently and serve.

*Serves 1*

**Snack**
1/2 medium papaya with lime
**Breakfast**
Healthy Lifestyle Tea
Rousing Raspberry Smoothie

**Snack**
1/2 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 medium pear

**Lunch**
Curried Turkey Salad
Miso Soup

**Snack**
1/2 medium papaya with lime

**Dinner**
Salmon with Cherry Tomatoes and Artichokes

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**Miso Soup**
This quick and easy miso soup adds an extra boost of health-promoting minerals to The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan.

Prep and Cook Time: 5 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 TBS miso
- Optional:
  - 2 TBS chopped dulse
  - 2 TBS minced scallion
  - 1 TBS grated ginger
  - 1/4 cup diced tofu

**Directions:**
1. Pour 2 cups boiling water into a cup or bowl.
2. Add miso and stir to dissolve.
3. Add dulse, scallion, ginger, and tofu, if desired.

Serves 1

**Salmon with Cherry Tomatoes and Artichokes**

**Salmon is rich in anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D. You can make this nutritious and tasty dinner in minutes.**

Prep and Cook Time: 20 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup onion, thinly sliced
- 1-2 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 1-1/2 cups broccoli, see chopping instructions below
- 4 oz salmon fillet, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1/8-1/4 tsp iodized sea salt
- 1/4 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced in quarters
- 1/2 cup canned or bottled artichoke hearts, sliced, plus a little of the liquid they are in
- 2 TBS minced basil
- 2 TBS minced parsley
- Black pepper to taste
- 1-1/2 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Red chili flakes to taste (optional)

**Directions:**
1. Slice onion and chop or press garlic, and let sit for 5 minutes. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from the large, thick stem. Slice smaller stems into 1/4 inch pieces. Slice florets into 4-6 pieces. Keep stems and florets separate.
2. Season the salmon with iodized sea salt.
3. Measure out 1/2 cup broth.
4. Heat 3 TBS of the broth in a covered skillet over medium high heat.
5. Sauté onion in the broth, covered, for 2 minutes.
6. Add broccoli, stems first, then florets. Add remaining broth, cover and cook for 2 minutes.
7. Add garlic, salmon, tomatoes and artichokes, and cook covered, for 2-3 minutes or until fish is flaky. Be careful not to over-cook.
8. Turn off heat and add basil, parsley, chili flakes and black pepper to taste. Toss lightly with extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice.

Serves 1

If you wish to use the large broccoli stem, cut off the bottom 1 inch of the stem. Peel the tough skin off the stem. Chop stem into 1/4 inch pieces and cook with the rest of broccoli.
Day 6
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**Breakfast**

**Quinoa Breakfast Bowl**

*Quinoa is an ancient grain that’s high in protein, and makes a delicious, nutty breakfast cereal. You can also make it ahead of time and reheat.*

Prep and Cook Time: 20 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup quinoa
- 1 cup water
- Pinch of iodized sea salt

**Topping:**
- 1/4 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries, or raspberries or a combination
- 1 TBS sunflower seeds
- 1 1/2 tsp ground flax seeds
- 1/2 cup almond milk
- Pinch of cinnamon

**Directions:**
1. Rinse quinoa well in a fine mesh strainer.
2. Add quinoa, water and pinch of iodized sea salt in a saucepan, cover and bring to a boil. Turn the heat to low, keep covered, and simmer for 15 minutes. Turn off heat and let sit for 5 minutes.
3. Place hot quinoa in a bowl and top with remaining ingredients.

**Serves 1**

**Healthy Lifestyle Tea**

*Please see recipe on Day 1*

**Morning Snack**

1 cup grapes

**Afternoon Snack**

4 almonds
1 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 kiwi fruit

**Lunch**

**Omega-3 Rich Salmon and Avocado Salad**

*This delicious and hearty salad adds an extra boost of healthy omega-3 fats to your lunch-time meal.*

Prep Time: 10-15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups fresh spinach, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped broccoli, tightly packed [see optional cooking instructions]
- 1/2 medium avocado, cubed
- 1/2 cup tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup red onion, sliced
- 2.5 oz canned sockeye salmon (half of a 5oz can), drained and crumbled
- 2 TBS feta or Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp fresh dill, chopped
- 1 1/2 TBS Mediterranean Dressing
  Optional:
  - 1 tsp lemon juice
  - 1 tsp capers

**Directions:**
1. Slice onion and let sit for 5 minutes.
2. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from the large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch pieces.
3. Let broccoli sit for 5 minutes. We recommend chopping small for best flavor in the salad. (You can use cooked broccoli in this recipe. If you decide to cook it, after chopping as describe, steam it for 5 minutes before adding to salad.)
4. Combine salad ingredients in a large bowl and toss with Mediterranean Dressing. Add more lemon juice if desired.

**Serves 1**

**Quinoa Breakfast Bowl**

**Omega-3 Rich Salmon and Avocado Salad**

**Mexican Veggie Bowl**

**Black Bean Tacos**
Breakfast
Healthy Lifestyle Tea
Quinoa Breakfast Bowl
Snack
1 cup grapes

Lunch
Omega 3 Salmon and Avocado Salad
Snack
4 almonds
1 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 kiwi fruit

Dinner
Black Bean Tacos or Mexican Bowl

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step is very important for flavor. Tightly pack leaves to measure 1/2 cup.
5. Let vegetables sit 5 minutes before steaming.
6. Layer the vegetables in the steamer, onions first, then broccoli, then collards or kale.
7. Cover with tight-fitting lid and steam for 5 minutes, until bright green. After 5 minutes, vegetables begin to lose their bright green color, and are overcooked.
8. Transfer to a bowl and toss with olive oil, lemon juice and iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste.
9. For Tacos: Place the black bean mixture and vegetables in heated corn tortillas and add toppings.
10. For Mexican Veggie Bowl: Place cooked vegetables and place in a large bowl. Top with bean mixture and toppings. Sprinkle with more cilantro if desired. Optional: Serve with 1/2 cup brown rice.

Serves 1
Note: If you wish to use the large broccoli stem, cut off the bottom 1 inch of the stem. Peel the tough skin off the stem. Chop stem into 1/4 inch pieces and cook with the rest of broccoli.

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Dinner
Black Bean Tacos or Mexican Veggie Bowl

Turn simple ingredients into tacos or a delicious, colorful bowl bursting with great Mexican flavors. Today's dinner is also meatless!

Note: Queso fresco [cheese] is best in this recipe but if you can’t find it, you can use grated cheddar cheese.

Prep and Cook Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

BEANS:
2 cloves garlic, pressed or chopped
1/4 cup red onion, diced
1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced
3 TBS low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
3/4 cup canned black beans, drained
3/4 tsp chili powder
1/4 tsp ground cumin
Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste
1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
2 TBS cilantro, chopped plus more for topping
1-2 tsp pickled jalapeno, diced [optional]
1/2 tsp pickled jalapeno juice [optional]

VEGETABLES:
1 1/2 cup broccoli, finely chopped [see chopping directions below]
1/2 cup tightly packed collard greens or kale [see directions below]
1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
2 tsp lemon juice
Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste

TOPPINGS:
1/4 cup shredded green or red cabbage
2 TBS crumbled queso fresco [Mexican cheese] or grated cheddar cheese
2-3 TBS of your favorite prepared salsa
For tacos: 2-3 soft corn tortillas
Optional: 1/4 cup diced avocado
Optional for vegetable bowl: 1/2 cup cooked brown rice

Directions:

Beans:
1. Chop vegetables [garlic, onion and red bell pepper] and let sit for at least 5 minutes. Keep garlic separate.
2. Heat 3 TBS broth over medium heat in a saucepan, covered.
3. As soon as broth begins to steam, add onions and bell peppers and cook, covered with a tight fitting lid for 7 minutes. Stir once and add more broth if it evaporates.
4. Add garlic, black beans, chili powder, cumin, iodized sea salt, and black pepper. Simmer for 3-4 minutes, covered.
5. Turn off heat and stir in extra virgin olive oil and cilantro. Add pickled jalapeno and juice, if using. Keep warm.

Vegetables:
1. Fill the bottom of a steamer with 2 inches water and heat, covered.
2. Slice red onion.
3. Separate broccoli florets with small stems from large, thick stem. Finely chop florets and small stems into 1/4 inch, even pieces.
4. Remove tough bottom part of stem from collard greens or kale if using. Slice very thinly, then cut crosswise 4-6 times into 1/4” inch pieces [this

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Day 7

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**Breakfast**

Poached Huevos Rancheros with Collard Greens or Kale

Collard greens or kale are delicious in this Mexican inspired breakfast.

Prep and Cook Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 1 egg, poached
- 1/4 lb, about 2 cups collard greens or Kale, tightly packed
- 1/4 cup canned black beans
- 1/4 cup prepared salsa
- 1 TBS pumpkin seeds, chopped or ground
- 2 TBS Mediterranean Dressing (see Day 2)

**Directions:**
1. Heat water to poach egg in a saucepan.
2. Chop or press garlic and let sit for 5 minutes.
3. Fill the bottom of a steamer pot with 2 inches water and heat, covered.
4. Remove tough bottom part of stem from collard greens or kale. Slice leaves very thinly, then cut crosswise 4-6 times into 1/4” inch pieces. (This step is very important for flavor.) Tightly pack leaves to measure 2 cups.
5. Let vegetables sit 5 minutes before steaming.
6. Add collards or kale to steamer basket, cover with tight-fitting lid and steam for 5 minutes.
7. While greens are steaming, poach the egg and heat the beans.
8. Place prepared greens on a plate, and toss with Mediterranean Dressing.
9. Top with egg, black beans, salsa and pumpkin seeds.

Serves 1

1 slice gluten free toast

**Snack**

1 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 medium orange
4 almonds

**Lunch**

Crunchy Chinese Chicken Salad

Crunchy almonds and a tangy ginger dressing make this classic even better!

Prep Time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients:**
- 3 oz cooked chicken, cubed
- 3 cups Chinese or Napa cabbage, shredded
- 1/4 cup grated carrot
- 3 TBS thinly sliced scallion (green onion)
- 2 TBS sliced or chopped almonds
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds
- Optional: 1 sheet toasted nori (seaweed), cut into small strips

Ginger Dressing:
- 1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1 TBS tamari (soy sauce)
- 1-1/2 TBS rice vinegar
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 2 TBS fresh orange juice
- Iodized sea salt & white pepper to taste
- Pinch red pepper flakes (optional)

**Directions:**
1. Place chicken and other salad ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Whisk together dressing ingredients in a smaller bowl.
3. Pour dressing over salad and toss lightly. Top with optional toasted nori.

This salad keeps for 1 day, refrigerated.

Serves 1

**Snack**

1 medium apple

Poached Huevos Rancheros with Collard Greens

Crunchy Chinese Chicken Salad

Quick Broiled Salmon with Dijon Dill
**Breakfast**
Healthy Lifestyle Tea
Poached Huevos Rancheros with Collard Greens or Kale
1 slice gluten free toast

**Snack**
4 almonds
1 cup low-fat yogurt with 1 medium orange

**Lunch**
Crunchy Chinese Chicken Salad

**Dinner**
Quick Broiled Salmon and Vegetables with Dijon Dill Sauce

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*Dinner*

**Quick Broiled Salmon and Vegetables with Dijon Dill Sauce**

*Wild caught salmon is one of the healthiest seafoods for us and tastes great with Brussels sprouts and broccoli. Tangy Dijon mustard and dill make a delicious sauce in minutes. Prepare the Brussels Sprouts and Broccoli Side Dish as part of this meal.*

*Prep and Cook Time: 10 minutes*

**Ingredients:**
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp fresh dill or 1/2 tsp dried dill
- 1 clove garlic, pressed or chopped
- 1/4 tsp iodized salt or to taste
- Black pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp lemon zest (optional)
- 6 oz wild-caught salmon fillet
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Iodized sea salt and black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp lemon juice

**Directions:**
1. To Quick Broil, preheat broiler on high and place an all stainless steel skillet (be sure the handle is also stainless steel) or cast iron pan under the heat for about 10 minutes to get it very hot.
2. Rub salmon with fresh lemon juice, iodized sea salt, and black pepper. (You can Quick Broil with the skin on; it just takes a minute or two longer. The skin will peel right off after cooking.)
3. Using a hot pad, place salmon on hot pan, skin side down.
4. Return to broiler. Keep in mind that it is cooking rapidly on both sides so it will be done very quickly, usually in 3-5 minutes depending on thickness. Test with a fork for doneness. It will flake easily when it is cooked. Salmon is best when it is still pink inside.
5. In a small bowl, whisk together sauce ingredients. Add more lemon juice to taste.
6. Prepare the vegetables [Brussels Sprouts and Broccoli Side Dish] as directed in the directions on the left.

Salmon is one of the best foods to meet your Recommended Daily Values for omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D. When we evaluated this recipe against our WHFoods recommended daily amounts it provided 96% of your DVs for vitamin D.

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**Brussels Sprouts and Broccoli Side Dish**

*Follow our method for preparing the vegetables for best flavor and nutrient absorption.*

*You can chop the vegetables and then cook them while the salmon is cooking to save time.*

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*Serves 1*
To make your shopping easier, we divided this shopping list into three sections. One features a dry goods and pantry basics for the recipes for the entire week. We then feature a list of produce and seafood/poultry for Days 1-4 and one for Days 5-7; we did this as we assumed you’d want to enjoy freshest food possible. Yet, if it’s more convenient to shop once in the week, you can combine the lists.

A Few Notes:

- Optional ingredients in the recipes are not included in the shopping list. Look over the individual recipes for optional ingredients, adding them to your shopping list if you choose to include them.
- Where recipes indicate an option of using 2 different ingredients (e.g. 4 cups romaine lettuce or 4 cups mixed salad greens), the shopping list only includes the first option.
- We encourage you to purchase certified organic ingredients, or ingredients known to have been produced in a high-quality way.

Shopping List: Dry Goods + Pantry Staples

This list comprises the dry goods and pantry staples for all 7 days of the Meal Plan. For foods for which you only need a small amount, we’ve noted that they can either be purchased in a small container or we’ve indicated the amount you can get from the bulk section of your market.

**Bread + Grains**

Small package corn tortillas
Smallest available package of dry quinoa (or ½ cup scooped from bulk food bin)
2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
1 loaf gluten-free bread

**Dairy/Eggs**

2 eggs
48 oz plain low-fat yogurt (regular style or Greek style)
2 TBS crumbled queso fresco
1 small block Parmesan cheese (or 8 oz grated Parmesan cheese)
6 oz feta cheese

**Nuts/Seeds**

Small package of almonds (about 50 grams by weight)
Small package of ground flaxseeds (or 1-1/2 tsp scooped from bulk food bin)
Small package pumpkin seeds (or 1/3 cup scooped from bulk food bin)
Small package toasted sesame seeds (or 2 TBS scooped from bulk food bin)
Small package sunflower seeds (or ½ cup scooped from bulk food bin)
Small package walnuts (or 4 TBS scooped from bulk food bin)

**Canned Goods**

5 oz can sockeye salmon
5 oz can tuna
8 oz can or bottle artichoke hearts
15 oz can black beans
15 oz can lentils
15 oz can navy beans
Beverages
1 box green tea (you will need 7 bags tea for the week)
8 oz apple juice
12 oz almond milk
15 oz can regular coconut milk (unsweetened)
24 oz coconut water

Oils/Vinegars/Condiments
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32 oz extra virgin olive oil
Small bottle of balsamic vinegar
Small bottle apple cider vinegar
Small bottle rice vinegar
Small bottle tamari soy sauce
1 small bottle Dijon mustard
1 small jar red Thai curry paste
1 quart low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
1 small bottle or jar of your favorite salsa
Small container of almond butter
1 container miso paste

Herbs/Spices
1 container red chili flakes (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container chili powder (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container ground cinnamon (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container ground cumin (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container curry powder (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container white pepper (or very small bag from bulk foods)
1 container black pepper (or very small bag from bulk foods)
1 container ground turmeric (or very small bag from bulk food bin)
1 container iodized sea salt

Shopping List: Days 1-4
Fresh Produce
Fruits
1 medium apple
1 banana
1 pint blueberries [fresh preferable, frozen ok]
1 medium cantaloupe [2 cups]
6 lemons
2 limes
5 medium oranges [for 1-1/3 cups fresh squeezed orange juice and zest plus 1 orange for snack]
1 medium papaya
1 pint strawberries [fresh preferable, frozen ok]

Vegetables
1 small bunch asparagus
1 medium avocado
1 small bunch fresh basil
3 medium red bell peppers
2 lbs broccoli florets without stems [2.5 lbs with stems]
1 small head Napa cabbage [use for Day 4 and 7]
1 carrot
1 small head cauliflower [or 1 cup]
1 small bunch celery
1 small bunch chives
1 bunch cilantro
1 cucumber
1 small package fresh dill [or dried dill]
2 heads garlic
1/2-3/4 lb fresh ginger
1 small bunch lacinato kale
4 large heads romaine lettuce
6 crimini mushrooms
6 shiitake mushrooms
1 bunch green onion [scallions]
2 medium red onions
1 fresh red or green jalapeno pepper
1 bunch parsley
1 bunch spinach
Smallest available container of cherry tomatoes [1/2 cup total, use for Day 4 and 5]
2 medium tomatoes
Nutritional Analysis

Nutrient Percentages Provided By The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan

When averaged over all 7 days, our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan meets or exceeds 100% of our daily nutrient recommended intake level for all 29 nutrients that we feature in our website rating system. This health-promoting list of nutrients includes vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber, and omega-3 fatty acids. You can use the chart below to see our recommended daily intake amounts for all 29 nutrients, as well as the average percentage for each nutrient that is provided by our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan. We have also included a very brief synopsis of some key health-supportive roles that have been associated with each nutrient in research findings.

Our results below were obtained using the 2016 version of Food Processor Nutrition and Fitness Software® copyrighted by ESHA Research in Salem, OR, database version 11.2.274. No optional ingredients in the meal plan were included in the analysis, and when ingredient options were included in the recipes, we analyzed the first option only. Additionally, we tried whenever possible to use the same food database codes that we used in our website food profiles to provide maximum continuity between our website descriptions and our meal plan results.

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| Biotin    | micrograms          | 30                                | 110%                                 | - helps maintain blood sugar balance  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps promote skin health      |
| Calcium   | milligrams          | 1000                              | 102%                                 | - helps promote bone health      
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps maintain acid/alkaline (pH) balance  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps support nerve function    
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps support muscle function   |
| Choline   | milligrams          | 425                               | 101%                                 | - helps support of methylation (a key process in our body's metabolism)  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps support membrane structure, supports nervous system activity |
| Chromium  | micrograms          | 35                                | 100%                                 | - helps regulate blood sugar levels |
| Copper    | micrograms          | 900                               | 254%                                 | - helps provide antioxidant protection  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps support bone and tissue integrity  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps support energy metabolism |
| fiber     | grams               | 25                                | 188%                                 | - helps promote optimal passage of food through the digestive tract  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps improve cardiovascular function including cholesterol metabolism; helps stabilize blood sugar levels; helps maintain colon health |
| Folate    | micrograms          | 400                               | 221%                                 | - helps sustain brain and nervous system activity  
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps promote overall cardiovascular function and red blood cell production |
|           |                     |                                   |                                      | - helps supports reproductive health, especially during pregnancy |
| Iodine    | micrograms          | 150                               | 101%                                 | - helps promote thyroid hormone production |
| Iron      | milligrams          | 18                                | 100%                                 | - helps support energy production  
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Even More Nutritional Benefits

While this extensive list of 100+ percent nutrients—including 3 macronutrients (protein, fiber, and omega-3 fatty acids), 13 vitamins, and 12 minerals—might seem like an impressive accomplishment for any 7-day meal plan, the nutritional benefits provided by our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan are even greater than indicated by this list. What you don’t see in this list of 29 nutrients is the amazing diversity of phytonutrients provided in this 7-day plan. By “phytonutrients” what we are referring to are the wide variety of flavonoids, carotenoids, and other plant-based nutrients that allow the foods in this meal plan to dazzle our senses. Consider that the deep purple-red hues in red onion, the pastel orange in cubes of cantaloupe, the pungent bold flavor of garlic, and the unique texture of quick steamed broccoli are features in our meal plan that are only made possible by flavonoids like the anthocyanins in red onion, or carotenoids like the beta-carotene in cantaloupe, or organosulfur compounds in garlic. Because our 7-day plan is so rich in fresh vegetables, it provides outstanding amounts of these phytonutrients. In fact, the list of phytonutrients provided in our 7-day plan is actually longer than the list of macronutrients and vitamins and minerals shown in the chart above! It’s also worth noting that virtually all of the carotenoids and flavonoids provided in our 7-day plan have been shown to provide both antioxidant and anti-inflammatory health benefits.

It’s important to remember the elements in our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan that make these remarkable nutrient benefits possible. These high average percentages for 29 different nutrients could not be achieved within a framework of 1,878 calories and the absence of dietary supplements without an unwavering emphasis on whole, minimally processed foods that have been selected on the basis of nutrient-richness and that have been prepared in such a way as to preserve as much nutrient content as possible. In addition, these high percentages would not be possible without special emphasis on vegetable intake and the unique nutrient-richness provided by this food group.

Health Benefits Provided By The WHFoods Meal Plan

It is one thing to document the outstanding nutritional content of a meal plan—but quite another to understand its potentially life-changing health benefits once it gets put into action. Our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan can bring outstanding nutrient-richness into your way of eating. But it can also do much more!

Take a moment to think about the astonishing combination of foods that you will be consuming in a very short 7-day period once you put this meal plan into practice. You will be enjoying cruciferous vegetables that include broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and kale; allium vegetables like red onions, garlic, and scallions; leafy salad greens including plentiful amounts of romaine lettuce, spinach, parsley, and cilantro; the vibrant and subtle shades of red vegetables and fruits including tomatoes, red bell peppers, strawberries, raspberries, and red grapes; the delightful oranges of carrots and cantaloupe; uniquely health-supportive fats found in flaxseeds, sunflower seeds, avocado, salmon, and extra virgin olive oil; one-of-a-kind phytonutrients provided by spices like ginger and turmeric; and a host of other healthy food combinations. From a health benefits standpoint, what you are supplying to your body is star-studded list of health-supportive foods that has been turning the heads of research investigators who are experts in the area of food and health.

This description of The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan might sound like an exaggeration. But it is neither exaggerated, not does it stray from the central findings of scientific research studies.
Many food groups can provide us with outstanding support for multiple body systems. But when it comes to food groups like cruciferous vegetables, there are potential health benefits that unquestionably stand out from the crowd. In the case of cruciferous vegetables, we are talking about showcase amounts of antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and detox-related nutrients that make foods in this vegetable subgroup unique supporters of the body's antioxidant system, inflammatory system, and detoxification system. This special combination of benefits makes cruciferous vegetables an unsurpassed World’s Healthiest vegetable subgroup in terms of their cancer risk-reducing properties. The anti-inflammatory properties of cruciferous vegetables—together with their unusual concentration of folic acid—combine to make this World’s Healthiest vegetable subgroup protective against atherosclerosis, heart attack, and stroke. The fiber and glucosinolates in cruciferous vegetables also give them unique digestive support properties, including the ability to help regulate interactions between Helicobacter pylori bacteria and the stomach wall. Our 7-day plan averages more than 2 cups of cruciferous vegetables per day! Because strong intake of cruciferous vegetables helps shape the core of The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan, it allows your body systems to take advantage of some of the best-researched food-related pathways for disease prevention.

Also fully incorporated into our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan are the allium vegetables—including both garlic and onions. Our plan averages over 1/2 cup of allium vegetables per day. Like cruciferous vegetables, allium vegetables stand out from the pack in terms of their potential health benefits. From a research standpoint, the most legendary aspects of garlic and onions are their unique sulfur compounds. Included within this group are alliin, allicin, allixin, and a long list of compounds technically referred to as “allyl polysulfides.” The list of cardiovascular benefits associated with these compounds and regular intake of allium vegetables is remarkable. This list includes better regulation of blood pressure and decreased risk of high blood pressure; improved regulation of blood fats, including triglycerides, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol; and decreased risk of heart attack and stroke.

Yet, a more cutting edge list would focus on the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory benefits of allium vegetables that help protect our blood cells and our blood vessel linings from oxidative stress and chronic unwanted inflammation. Damage to blood vessel linings by highly reactive oxygen molecules is a key factor for increasing our risk of cardiovascular problems, including heart attack and atherosclerosis. Oxidative damage can also lead to unwanted inflammation, and it is this combination of unwanted inflammation and oxidative stress that can put our blood vessels at risk for unwanted plaque formation and clogging. The ability of allium vegetables to help decrease this risk is what makes their routine intake so potentially life-changing. It was also one of the reasons that we incorporated them so comprehensively into The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan. You will find garlic being included in every single day of our 7-day plan.

These details about the potential health benefits of cruciferous and allium vegetables are designed to give you a close-up look at the proven health support that the World’s Healthiest Foods can provide once they become a routine part of your meal plan. But in a way that is truly remarkable, these select details only tell one part of the story.

The allium and cruciferous vegetable subgroups are not the only ones that provide our cardiovascular and digestive systems with support. Vegetable subgroups like green leafy vegetables also play an important role in this regard. In fact, research studies show support for these two body systems to be coming not only from vegetables but also from many different food groups represented in our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan. (Nuts & Seeds and Beans & Legumes would be two good examples here.) And equally important, it would be wrong to think about the health support being provided by these many different food groups as applying only to our cardiovascular and digestive systems. For virtually all of our body systems, there are detailed stories to tell about the health benefits of The World’s Healthiest Foods. Whether we are talking about healthy blood sugar regulation and insulin secretion; ongoing bone, joint, and connective tissue health; proper functioning of the digestive tract together with healthy and balanced populations of intestinal bacteria; or streamlined communication throughout our nervous system, The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan can provide you with potentially life-changing benefits solidly anchored in nutritional science and fully trusting in the unparalleled revitalization that can come from the World’s Healthiest Foods.
Why We Recommend The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan As Your Go-To Approach For Nourishment

Everyone is aware of nutrition—and the importance of the World's Healthiest Foods that can provide us with nourishment. But we don't always stop and think about what nourishment actually means. Many people have the misconception that nourishment simply means "getting the proper quantity of nutrients." You could get them in a powdered breakfast drink, or a highly-processed, breakfast cereal that had been fortified with vitamins and minerals, or a vitamin supplement. As long as you got the quantity that you needed, your body would be provided with nourishment. Nutritional research shows nourishment to require something quite different.

Nourishment starts with the nature of our digestive system. There is an important rhyme and reason to the way our digestive tract works! Dozens and dozens of nutrients are needed for optimal health, and we can easy swallow dozens and dozens of nutrient from a single multivitamin tablet. Yet when we take this nutrient supplement approach, we are bypassing the very functions that our digestive tract was designed to perform. For each of the many nutrients that our body needs, there are select places in our digestive system designed for absorption of that particular nutrient. In addition, nutrients are typically absorbed not in isolated form, but in modified forms that rely heavily on digestive tract metabolism. In recent years, scientists have learned more and more about the remarkable importance of nutrient metabolism in the lower half of our digestive system (large intestine) where bacteria play a major role. The only way we can take full advantage of our digestive system design is to start off with whole, nutrient-rich foods.

At some point or other, most of us have been told to do a better job chewing our food. But we might not have thought about the critical role of chewing in nourishment. Chewing is like the opening act in a drama we call nourishment. Everything that follows must come together according to this initial event. Relaxed, enjoyment of the World's Healthiest Foods at a sit-down meal with plenty of time for chewing and savoring the unique textures and flavors of The World's Healthiest Foods is a critical part of nourishment. We skipped this step, we're not just robbing ourselves of some luxury in life. We're robbing ourselves of nourishment. People ask us why we take the time to cook from scratch with The World's Healthiest Foods rather than relying on processed ingredients. Our answer is simple: we don't want to rob ourselves of nourishment!

We realize that there are an endless number of eating approaches, each with its own particular roadmap. And far too often we hear from readers who have tried every possible way of eating, without lasting success. Our World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan is not designed to be a "diet." It's a natural way of eating that focuses on The World Healthiest Foods. We did not develop this meal plan based on some little-known discovery about nourishment, or some unusual theory about metabolism. We developed it based on widespread and well-known research about foods and food groups, the way foods grow, the way digestion works, and the way all of these factors interact to change our risk of health problems.

In our Introduction to The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan, we pointed out the importance of nutrient-richness in our approach to healthy eating. Since this concept is so very central to our approach, it's worth reiterating here. Nutrient-richness refers to the amount of particular nutrients [such as vitamins, minerals, fiber, protein, or omega-3 fatty acids] that are provided by the World's Healthiest Foods in relationship to their caloric value. When a food is overflowing with nutrients, yet contributes very little to our daily caloric intake, we describe it as nutrient-rich. By basing The World's Healthiest Foods Meal Plan on foods that will provide you with the most nutrients for the fewest calories, we can make sure that you will be getting the greatest nutritional bang for your caloric buck. It's their superlative nutrient-richness that
puts vegetables front and center in our meal plan. We cannot find a food group that rivals vegetables in terms of nutrient-richness, and that is why you will find our meal plan averaging 8 cups of total vegetables per day that are easy to prepare and taste great!

Just as optimal nourishment can only come from a way of eating that respects the nature of food itself as well as the nature of our digestive system, it also requires a way of selecting, storing, preparing, and cooking food that respects its nutrient-richness. Nutrient-richness is so important for preserving for optimal health! As a way of helping to preserve nutrient-richness, all of the recipes in our meal plan make use of minimal heat and minimal cooking times. And of course, you will also find ample use of fresh, uncooked foods in The World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan. In addition, our specific cooking methods [involving choices like steaming versus boiling] have always been chosen with nutrient-richness in mind.

Nourishment requires far more than ingestion of nutrients in a quantity that is adequate. Nourishment requires us to step into the amazing world of The World’s Healthiest Foods, with their delightful colors and shapes and sizes and the rich aromas and flavors that they provide for us when cooked in a healthy way. The World’s Healthiest Foods that we eat each day may be the single most important influence on our health! Our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan places its trust the nutrient-richness of The World’s Healthiest Foods, and the way that nutrient-richness can work to provide us with optimal nourishment in a potentially life-changing way.

How Our World's Healthiest Foods Recipes Make Exceptional Nourishment Possible

To best understand our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan, we would like to focus your attention on its two key components. The first component is our World’s Healthiest Foods! We like to imagine about our World’s Healthiest Foods as the colors on a painter’s palette. When your goal is healthy eating, our 100 World’s Healthiest Foods provide you with a simply amazing diversity of colors from which to choose. In order to create your painting, however, you need to carefully choose certain colors and combine them together in a way that delights the eye.

This painting process brings us to the second component in our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan: our World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes! You will find 23 uniquely delicious recipes in our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan! And what we want to explain below is how our World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes make exceptional nourishment possible.

Let’s start by consider our Day 1 World’s Healthiest Foods Recipe for Breakfast: Energizing Blueberry Smoothie. This World’s Healthiest Foods Breakfast Recipe features four of our World’s Healthiest Foods: blueberries, oats, spinach, and sunflower seeds. It is so easy to prepare that you can have it at your fingertips in 5 minutes! At 422 calories, this World’s Healthiest Foods Recipe only uses up 23% of the total calories available on Day 1. But just take a look at the percentages below to realize how nutrient-rich this Energizing Blueberry Smoothie actually is.

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When you look at these nutrient percentages, remember that our Energizing Blueberry Smoothie is only costing you 23% of your daily calories! So what you are seeing here is a World's Healthiest Foods Breakfast that will pay you huge nutrient dividends for your calorie investment! For each of the key vitamins and minerals listed above, your nutrient payout percentages are at least twice the percentage of calories that you invested. And for some of these nutrients, your nutrient-richness payout is actually five times greater than your calorie investment! It might sound astonishing to learn that such an easy-to-prepare breakfast can provide you with this exceptional level of nourishment. But it is exactly this type of nourishment that we see over and over when we start with The World’s Healthiest Foods as the colors on our painter’s palette and carefully transform them into a World's Healthiest Foods Recipe masterpiece!

Let’s move on to one of our favorite World’s Healthiest Foods Lunch Recipes: our Day 6 Omega-3 Rich Salmon and Avocado Salad. This World’s Healthiest Foods Recipe features eight of World’s Healthiest Foods: broccoli, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, lemon, red onion, salmon, spinach, and tomato. At 474 calories, this World’s Healthiest Foods Lunch Recipe only uses up 26% of the total calories available for the day—just a small amount more than our Day 1 Energizing Blueberry Smoothie. But once again, just take a look at the almost unbelievable nutrient-richness that you are getting from this World’s Healthiest Foods Lunch Recipe.

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In addition to the 19 nutrients above, this World’s Healthiest Foods Dinner Recipe also provides you with 72% vitamin B1, 55% zinc, and 51% iron. That’s 50% of more of our daily recommended intake for 22 out of 29 nutrients from a single World’s Healthiest Foods Dinner Recipe!

When we developed our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan, we took one additional step in order to unleash nutrient-richness to its fullest potential. We wanted to create 23 World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes that were nutrient-rich in and of themselves, but we also wanted World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes that could work together to average at least 100% for all 29 of...
the nutrients that we feature in our World’s Healthiest Foods Rating System. We wanted our World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes to be carefully matched in order to provide you with a minimum of 100% for all 29 nutrient averages. And our World’s Healthiest Foods Meal Plan accomplishes this important goal!

To get a better idea of this remarkable outcome, consider our World’s Healthiest Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Recipes described above: our Energizing Blueberry Smoothie, our Omega-3 Rich Salmon and Avocado Salad, and our Seafood Asparagus with Ginger Orange Sauce. When combined, these three World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes provide you with 100% or more of the following nutrients.

• vitamin B1
• vitamin B2
• vitamin B3
• vitamin B6
• vitamin B12
• folate
• choline
• vitamin A
• vitamin C
• vitamin D
• vitamin K
• copper
• phosphorus
• potassium
• selenium
• fiber
• protein
• omega-3 fatty acids

What you are looking at here is nutrient-richness unleashed to its fullest potential through our World’s Healthiest Foods Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Recipes. By starting with the right color palette (namely, our 100 World’s Healthiest Foods), we were able to paint a picture of exceptional nutrient richness through the creation of our World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes. You can bring this nutrient richness into your own life through the use of these easy-to-follow World’s Healthiest Foods Recipes as combined our World’s Foods Meal Plan. Enjoy nutrient richness at its flavorful best!

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**Seafood/Poultry**

9 oz fresh or frozen boneless chicken breast [used in several recipes]
3 oz fresh or frozen wild caught cod
7 oz fresh or frozen wild caught salmon [skinless] [used in several recipes]

**Shopping List: Days 5-7**

**Fresh Produce**

**Fruits**

1 apple
1 medium banana
Smallest available container [fresh preferable, frozen ok, need ¼ cup]
1 small cluster fresh grapes
1 kiwifruit
1 medium lemon
2 medium oranges
1 pear
1 pint raspberries [fresh preferable, frozen ok]

**Vegetables**

2 medium avocados
1 small bunch fresh basil
1 red bell pepper
1 lb broccoli florets without stems [1.5 lbs with stems]
½ lb Brussels sprouts
Smallest available head of green cabbage
1 carrot
1 bunch cilantro
1 large bunch collard greens
Smallest available container or bunch of fresh dill
1 large bunch romaine lettuce
2 red onions
1 small bunch fresh parsley
1 small bunch scallions [green onion]
2 bunches spinach
1 medium tomato

**Seafood/Poultry**

3 oz cooked chicken breast
3 oz cooked, sliced turkey breast
10 oz wild caught salmon fillet [used in several recipes]