

Healing herbs and spices Infographic Reference list

Turmeric

Potent <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>antioxidant</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-microbial</u>, <u>anti-Alzheimer</u>, <u>anti-tubercular</u>, <u>cardio-protective</u>, <u>anti-diabetic</u>, <u>hepato-protective</u>, <u>neuro-protective</u>, <u>nephron-protective</u>, <u>anti-rheumatic and anti-viral</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>. Use in both sweet and savoury dishes and as a supplement. Can be used either as a fresh root or dried and powdered. One of the most widely used Asian spices. Easy to drink either as a tea or 'golden milk'.

Cinnamon

One of the oldest known spices. <u>Anti-clotting</u>, <u>anti-viral</u>, <u>anti-microbial</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>. Use in both sweet and savoury dishes. Comes in a stick (bark) or powdered. A warming spice used in middle eastern dishes.

Ginger

A favourite in Asian cooking. <u>Relief of nausea</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>immune boosting</u>. Can be used either from the fresh or dried root or powdered. Makes a warming tea and adds heat and warmth to both sweet and savoury dishes.

Garlic

One of the oldest cultivated plants in the world. <u>Anti-hypertensive</u>, <u>anti-bacterial</u>, <u>cholesterol lowering, cardiovascular health</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>. Best eaten from fresh either raw or cooked.

Coriander (also known as Cilantro)

A favourite in Asian dishes of all types. <u>Anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>immune function promotion</u>, <u>antioxidant</u>, <u>anti-fungal</u>. Use the leaves fresh, seeds whole or ground in both savoury and sweet dishes.

Parsley

Well known as a garnish or in parsley sauce! <u>Good source of</u> vitamin K, vitamin C, vitamin A, manganese and iron. <u>Anti-oxidant</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>, <u>anti-bacterial</u>. A great breath freshener, particularly after eating garlic and a great digestif.

Basil

A staple of Mediterranean cooking. <u>Anti-microbial</u>, <u>anti-bacterial</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>. Use the leaf fresh or dried. Use in sweet or savoury dishes

Mint

Known for its use in flavouring toothpaste and chewing gum. <u>Anti-microbial</u>, <u>relieves</u> <u>gastrointestinal discomfort</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-spasmodic</u>. Use the leaves fresh or dried or as an oil. Makes a great tea or infusion.

Chilli

Used worldwide to add flavour, aroma and heat to food. <u>Anti-microbial</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>. There are many types of chilli from mild to WOW! They can be used fresh, dried or powdered in both sweet and savoury dishes.



Rosemary

Another Mediterranean staple. <u>Antioxidant</u>, <u>anti-fungal</u>, <u>anti-oxidant</u>, <u>anti-bacterial</u>. Rosemary can be used fresh, dried or as oil. The scent of Rosemary can <u>improve mental</u> <u>alertness</u>.

Thyme

An important component of <u>bouquet garni</u> and <u>herbes de provence</u>. <u>Anti-bacterial</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-cancer</u>. Used mainly in savoury dishes, but can be used in sweet. Goes particularly well with Rosemary. Use fresh or dried.

Oregano

A staple of Mediterranean cooking along with Basil and Rosemary. <u>Anti-viral</u>, <u>anti-parasitic</u>, <u>anti-fungal</u>, <u>antioxidant</u>, <u>anti-inflammatory</u>, <u>anti-bacterial</u>. Can be used fresh or dried or as an oil.