

## Parmigiana di Melanzane

## Eggplant Parmesan

## **Ingredients:**

- 1.35 kg. (47.61 oz.) of eggplants
- Olive oil
- Flour for coating the eggplants
- About 800gr. (28.21 oz.) of tomato sauce
- 300gr. (10.58 oz.) buffalo mozzarella
- 12 fresh basil leaves
- 50g r. (1.76 oz.) of freshly grated parmesan cheese
- A large baking tray
- A deep frypan

## Preparation:

- 1. Cut the top and the bottom of the eggplants. Cut them into slices 1cm (0.39 inch) thick (if you wish you can peel them first).
- 2. In a deep frypan, heat about 2 inches of olive oil until hot. Dip a slice of eggplant in flour and then slip it into the hot oil, add a couple of more slices, but do not overfill the pan.
- 3. Once the slices are golden brown, turn them over using a slotted spoon and fry them until golden. Remove the slices and drain them on a kitchen towel. Do the same with the remaining batch of slices.
- 4. Cut the mozzarella into thin slices, tear each basil leaf into small pieces and grate the parmesan.
- 5. Grease the bottom of your baking tray with olive oil.
- 6. Arrange a layer of eggplant slices in the bottom of the baking tray, cover them with tomato sauce and with a layer of mozzarella, a few basil leaves and then sprinkle with grated parmesan. Repeat the procedure until the baking tray is full.
- 7. Place the baking tray in a preheated oven  $(200 \, \text{C}^{\circ}/400 \, \text{C}^{\circ} 392 \, \text{F}^{\circ}/752 \, \text{F}^{\circ})$  for 30 minutes. Wait for it to cool down a bit before serving.

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