# Vegan Caramel, Date & Fresh Ginger Self-Saucing Pudding

# Gather & Feast

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This comforting and delicious dessert is vegan and only requires just a handful of key ingredients, hopefully, most of which you likely already have in your pantry.

SERVES 6-8 | PREP TIME 20 minutes | COOK TIME 40 minutes | TOTAL TIME 1 hour

# INGREDIENTS

#### Pudding

- 125ml (1/2 cup) olive oil
- 175ml (3/4 cup) plant-based milk of your choice (such as almond, oat, coconut, soy) feel free to use regular milk if you don't need a vegan option
- 100g (1/2 cup) coconut sugar or brown sugar
- 10 medjool dates, pitted & finely chopped (or 180g pitted packet/cooking dates, finely chopped)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1-inch piece of fresh ginger, finely grated (roughly 1 tablespoon)
- Pinch sea salt
- 185g (1 1/2 cups) spelt flour or wholemeal flour (or plain/all-purpose flour) OR (for a gluten-free option, use a GF baking blend)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

 125g (1/2 cup) plant-based unsweetened yoghurt (or Greek yoghurt for non-vegan option)

#### **Caramel sauce**

- 100g (1/2 cup) coconut sugar or brown sugar
- 60ml (1/4 cup) pure maple syrup
- 125ml (1/2 cup) plant-based milk of your choice (such as almond, oat, coconut, soy) feel free to use regular milk if you don't need a vegan option
- 375ml (1 1/2 cups) boiling water
- 3-4 tablespoons cognac, whisky or brandy (optional)
- 1/2 inch piece of fresh ginger, finely grated (roughly 1 teaspoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

# METHOD

- 1. Preheat your oven to 180°C/350°F.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together olive oil, plant-based milk, sugar, dates, vanilla extract, grated ginger, and a pinch of sea salt.
- 3. Add spelt flour (or preferred flour) and baking powder to the bowl, then add the yoghurt and fold in until well combined. The batter should be just smooth.
- 4. Pour the pudding batter into the baking dish (roughly 6-8 cup capacity), spreading it evenly.

- 5. In the same mixing bowl (to minimise washing up), combine coconut sugar, maple syrup, plant-based milk, grated ginger, and boiling water. Stir until the sugar has dissolved.
- 6. Carefully pour the hot caramel sauce mixture over the pudding batter. Use the back of a spoon to distribute it evenly.
- 7. Bake the pudding for 40 minutes.
- 8. Remove the pudding from the oven and let it rest for 10 minutes before serving.
- 9. Serve warm with your choice of toppings such as vegan ice cream, coconut yoghurt, or whipped cream.
- 10. Optionally, dust the pudding with a little cinnamon before serving.

#### NOTES

Use plant-based milk and yoghurt for a vegan-friendly option, but feel free to use dairy equivalents if you're not strictly vegan.

Spelt flour, wholemeal flour, or all-purpose flour can be used interchangeably based on your preference or dietary restrictions. For a gluten-free option, opt for a gluten-free baking blend.

Coconut sugar or brown sugar can be used for both the pudding and the caramel sauce.

Use a baking dish with a capacity of roughly 6-8 cups to accommodate the pudding mixture and sauce comfortably.



#### Find the recipe and watch the video online:

https://www.gatherandfeast.com/vegan-caramel-date-fresh-ginger-self-saucing-pudding

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