

Blendly – enjoy coffee at home with your meal

Blendly Coffee – How to pair coffee with food

Online coffee blender and supplier Blendly, has produced a handy guide to pairing coffee with all types of food. It's been common in the past to pair wine with food, even chocolate... well they say that coffee is exactly the same.

By pairing the various flavour notes and nuances in coffee with certain foodstuffs, you can bring out the best in both the coffee, and the various ingredients.

There are many more different types of artisan coffees around nowadays, with tastes in coffee becoming even more sophisticated. Foodies now want to know how to make the very most of their blends, to bring out every flavour. Blendly enables consumers to make up their own bespoke coffee blends at the click of a button – they can then name the blend, with it being placed into the Blendly repository for others to buy if they wish.



Here is Blendly's simple to follow guide:

When trying to pair coffee with food, a good rule of thumb would be to match the intensity of the flavour of your dish.

§ Heavier, more intensely flavoured foods are best matched with stronger coffees to match their richness. Kenyan or Rwandan coffees might work well here, just like coffees from New Guinea or Indonesia.

§ Lighter foods are best paired with lighter, more nuanced coffees. Try balanced coffees from Central or South America or a floral, fragrant coffee from Ethiopia.

BREAKFAST

Wake up in style with a smoky, heavier coffee if you're having

a traditional fried breakfast with bacon and sausages. Try Ethiopian Yirgacheffe or a coffee with beans from Guatemala.

Sweet dishes like pancakes and doughnuts go well with coffees that have higher fruit notes. Try a Kenyan Peaberry.

Light breakfasts such as cereals, croissants and toast go well with light, balanced coffees. A Guatemala Fresh, or a Fairtrade Costa Rica might be the ones to go for here.

CHINESE & ASIAN

Chinese or Asian dishes, with their often nutty and spicy flavours, go well with nutty and smoky coffees. Try a Sumatra Roast or beans from Papua New Guinea.

Smoked meats go well with equally smoky coffees.

Soup and salads, as light as they are, are best paired with dry and lighter coffees. Suggestions are Ethiopian Sidamo and Kenya AA.

FRUIT – here are some suggestions:

Berries

Kenya Peaberry

Ethiopian Sidamo

Harrar Longberry

Tropical fruits (mangoes, papayas, etc)

Cuban

Ethiopian Yirgacheffe

CHEESE

Young and creamy cheeses go well with bright flavours. Try Costa Rica and Cuba.

Milky cheeses like Ricotta help balance bittersweet cocoa notes. Monsoon Malabar will go perfectly.

Lemony, slightly sour cheeses are balanced well with acidic, sweeter coffees. Suggestions – Kenya AA and Ethiopian

Yirgacheffe.

Sharp cheeses like cheddar match the pleasantly bitter bite of coffee and espresso. Hence why they go so well with Italian Roasts and delicious Mocha Javas.

DESSERT – it's coffee heaven

Creamy desserts like crème brulee work well with smooth, full-bodied coffee.

Mocha Java

Sumatra

Dark chocolates help accentuate the bitterness of coffee.

Mocha Java

Italian Roast

Light pastries and scones work well with light, well-balanced coffees.

Espresso Milano

Illy Style

Fruity and tart desserts go well with bright coffees.

Kenya AA

Harrar Longberry

Kenya Peaberry

Spiced desserts, such as those with cinnamon and nutmeg, go well with equally spicy coffees.

Cinnamon Sticks Flavoured

Cinnamon and Hazelnut

Espresso Caledonia

Nutty desserts go well with winey coffees, with balanced sweet and sour tastes.

Amaretto

Costa Rica

It's true to say that there is a science to pairing flavours, but the best combination is still the one that works best for you. This list is a rough guide to starting on your own pairing journey. Follow your palate and enjoy the process of pairing your coffees with your favourite foods.

Find out more at www.blendly.co.uk

