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RECIPE



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300g Australian oil free sultanas 80g Australian oil free currants 100g organic pitted dates, coarsely chopped 180g Australian ruby red plums, roughly diced 150g Australian dried apricots, roughly diced 150g Australian brown sugar, firmly packed 400g Australian organic plain flour 250g Australian raw 1 tsp mixed spice 1 tsp lemon myrtle 1 tsp Australian roasted wattleseed 250g glacé apricots

EXTRA

100g apricot jam, warmed until runny 175ml orange juice 125ml rum 250g butter, softened 2 eggs

METHOD

In a bowl combine sultanas, currants, dates, plums and apricots. Add the jam, orange juice and rum, then mix well. Cover and let the fruit soak overnight or for up to three days.

Pre-heat oven to 140°C. Line the base and sides of a deep 20cm round cake pan with baking paper, allowing 5cm to extend above the pan.

Add the butter and sugar to a mixing bowl and beat until creamy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add soaked fruit mixture, macadamias, sifted flour, spices and mix well to combine.

Spread the mixture evenly into the lined cake pan. Press the glacé apricots into the top of the cake to cover the surface.

Bake for 3 to 3½ hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. If the top browns too quickly, cover with foil.

Once baked, remove from oven and let it cool overnight.

Store in an airtight container, in a cool dark cupboard for up to 3 months