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Salt-Baked

One of our favorites adapted from Food and Wine Magazine

Ingredients

- One 2 pound fish: branzino, black bass, or striped bass, cleaned and scaled
- 2 pounds of fine sea salt (3 ½ cups)
- 3 large egg whites
- Extra-virgin olive oil for brushing and drizzling
- 4 Parsley steams
- 1 Crushed Garlic Clove
- 2 Halved Lemon Slices, for stuffing

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425°. Let the fish stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a bowl, mix the salt with the egg whites until it is the texture of moist sand.

Brush a baking sheet with oil. Set the fish on parchment paper and outline it; cut out the template, set it on the baking sheet and brush with oil. Sprinkle some of the salt mixture on the parchment. Brush the fish all over with oil and set it on the salted paper. Stuff the fish with the parsley, garlic, and lemon. Mound the remaining salt over the fish, lightly packing it. Using a skewer, poke a hole through the salt at the thickest part of the fish near the head.

Bake the fish for 25 minutes, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the fish through the hole registers 135°. Let stand for 10 minutes. Crack the salt and discard it. Brush off any excess salt. Remove the skin and fillet the fish. Transfer to a platter, drizzle with olive oil and serve.