

Eat and drink, but waste not by excess (Al-A'raf 31) Banu Atabay's Mütevazı Lezzetler® Turkish cooking recipes

## Kayseri Meatballs Kayseri Köftesi



- 1.10 pounds ground meat
- 1 medium onion
- 3 slices of stale bread
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1 + 1/2 tsp salt
- 7-8 stems of parsley, chopped
- 3 potatoes
- 3 tomatoes
- 4 long green peppers
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- # Grate the onion on the crumbs. Mix, when it turns to puree, add the remaining meatball ingredients, and knead for about 8-10 minutes.
- # While refrigerating the meatballs mix, peel the potatoes, and slice them into 1/2 inch wide circles, slice the tomatoes also, and slit the each pepper into 2 pieces and remove the seeds.
- # Grease the oven tray with 1/3 cup oil. Place the potato slices on the tray. Place the big sized meatballs on the potato layer with spaces between them.
- # Place the tomato slices and pepper slices into the spaces between the meatballs. Sprinkle salt all over.
- # Cook it in the oven which is preheated to 374 F, until the meatballs turns to red. Serve hot.

Note: It is advised to lay the meatballs mix all over the potato layer instead of shaping them.