THE PITTA DIET

| | FAVOR | REDUCE/AVOID |
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| QUALITIES | Cool or warm, liquid | Hot |
| TASTES | Sweet, bitter, astringent | Salty, sour, pungent |
| QUANTITIES | Moderate portions | |
| DAIRY | Butter, ghee, lassi, milk | Cheese, buttermilk, sour cream, yogurt (except lassi) |
| SWEETENERS | All okay except those listed | Honey, molasses |
| OILS | Coconut, olive, soy, sunflower | Almond, corn, safflower, sesame |
| GRAINS | Barley, oats, wheat, white rice | Corn millet, brown rice, rye |
| FRUITS | Sweet, ripe fruits: apple, avocado, cherry, fig, mango, melon, pear, pomegranate, prune, raisin | Sour, unripe fruits: apricot, banana, berry, cranberry, grapefruit, olive, papaya, peach, persimmon |
| VEGETABLES | Asparagus, bell peppers, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, green bean, okra, peas, potato, sprouts, squash, all leafy greens except spiinach | Beets, carrot, chili, eggplant, garlic, onion, radish, spinach, tomato |
| SPICES | Sweet, bitter, astringent spices: cardamom, cilantro, cinnamon, coriander, dill, fennel, mint, saffron | Pungent, heating spices, especially chili |
| NUTS/SEEDS | Coconut, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds | All others |
| BEANS | Garbanzo, mung, soybean, tofu | All others |
| MEATS | Chicken, egg whites, turkey, shrimp | Egg yolks, red meat |
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