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DOLCI AL CUCCHIAIO

TIRAMISÙ CLASSICO

Serves 10

The perfect balance of coffee and sweetness, tiramisù appropriately translates to "pick-me-up." The decadent Italian dessert is traditionally made with ladyfingers dipped in espresso, layered with a rich creamy mixture, and finished with a generous sprinkling of cocoa powder. Culinary legend has it that tiramisù was invented in Treviso, a small city in the romantic region of Veneto. Today, the classic dolce is made across Italy in a variety of ways; almost everyone in Italy will tell you that their family makes the best tiramisù. (See page 146 for a few variations.) This benefits from being made in advance, so it's a great choice when you're feeding a crowd. Because the eggs are uncooked, seek out the freshest eggs you can find from a trusted source.

5 large eggs

2 cups (480 grams) heavy cream

¹/₄ cup plus 1 tablespoon (60 grams) sugar

2 cups (450 grams) mascarpone

1 cup (240 milliliters) espresso, hot (made in a stovetop coffee maker)

1 (8.8-ounce/250-gram) package ladyfingers or Novara cookies

¹/4 cup (30 grams) cocoa powder **SEPARATE** the eggs. Whip the cream to stiff peaks. In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolks with the sugar and mascarpone until pale yellow and smooth. Whip the egg whites to stiff peaks. Using a wooden spoon, gently fold the egg whites into the mascarpone mixture, and then gently fold in the whipped cream.

POUR the coffee into a wide bowl and quickly dunk each cookie into it. Arrange about half of the cookies so that they completely cover the base of a shallow (about 1½ inches/4 centimeters deep) 11 × 7-inch (28 × 18-centimeter) dish. With a spatula, spread about half of the mascarpone mixture over the cookies.

ARRANGE another layer of soaked cookies on top of the mascarpone mixture, then top with the remaining mascarpone mixture. Sift the cocoa powder all over the top.

COVER the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.