Coconut Shrimp



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Serves 4-6, as an appetizer

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- __1 lb of Large Shrimp, peeled, deveined but tail left on and butterflied
- __1 cup of All Purpose Flour
- __1 Egg
- __1 cup of Mineral Water, you might need a bit more
- __2 tsp of Baking Powder
- __1 ½ cups of Shredded Coconut
- ___1/2 cup of Panko Bread Crumbs
- __1/2 cup of Additional Flour
- __1 tsp of Granulated garlic
- __1 tsp of Paprika
- __Salt and Pepper, to taste

- 1) In a large bowl, whisk together the 1 cup of flour, granulated garlic, paprika, baking powder, salt, black pepper, egg and mineral water. In a separate bowl, mix together the bread crumbs and shredded coconut, set aside.
- 2) Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 3) Take each shrimp by its tail, dust it in the flour, dip it in the batter (shake off as much of the excess as you can) and coat it in the coconut mixture and place it on the baking sheet, repeat with the remaining shrimp and pop them in the freezer for about 30 minutes.
- 4) Preheat some vegetable oil in a cast iron skillet, place enough oil to come up half way up the sides of the skillet, allow it to get nice and hot to about 375 degrees.
- 5) Fry the shrimp in batches for a couple minutes on both sides or until golden brown and crispy. Drain them on a paper towel lined plate and serve right away!

