## Food Trends: Acai Bowls





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Right now, one of the hottest new delicious <u>food trends</u> incorporates the superfruit acai into a bowl. The acai bowl is known as a typical Brazilian dish, but the history of the acai bowl traces back quite a ways. The acai palm thrived throughout the Amazonian and was a vital source of food for many people of that region. In the '70s, the dish traveled to northern Brazil and became quite famous. The dish is made up of a variety of nutritious foods and is commonly topped with granola or banana, and then mixed with other fruits and topped off with a syrup. However, there are alternative ingredients that can be used to make the delicious snack. The dish can be served in a bowl, glass and/or smoothie cup. Acai bowls are very quick and easy to make, so easy that we have the perfect acai bowl recipe you can make at home! But first some quick <u>food advice</u> on the acai – the acai is a berry that grows on a tree. It is also full of antioxidants, fiber and can lower cholesterol. The berry is also full of protein. Acai boosts energy, helps with digestion, aids the immune system.

## Check out our tips on how to make your own acai Bowl!

1. Base: You will want to start with a smoothie base. and you can choose your favorite: banana, apple juice, vanilla yogurt, frozen berries and acai berry puree (which can be found in the freezer section of most grocery stores). Break up your acai packet into pieces, and toss it into the blender along with the other ingredients. What you'll end up with is a thick and creamy smoothie.

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**2. Bowl:** You want your acai smoothie to be on the thick side because you're going to pour it into a bowl and eat it with a spoon.

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**3. Toppings:** Feel free to be creative with your toppings; you can use fresh fruit and nuts, coconut, sliced almonds or granola. Once you have added your toppings, dig in!

Have any more tips on how to make a perfect acai bowl? Comment below!