



Chile Rellenos

Prep Time: 1 hr 30 minutes | Cook Time: 1 hr | Yield: 6 servings

Main Ingredients

- 6 poblano chile peppers
- 5 plum tomatoes
- 1/2 small white onion chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 c. shredded monterey jack cheese
- 1 Tbsp. dried oregano
- 3 large egg whites plus 1 egg yolk, at room temperature
- Vegetable oil for frying
- All-purpose flour, for dredging



Directions

1. Char the chiles. Turn a gas burner on high. Char the chiles on the burner grate, turning with tongs (Marcela is a pro and uses her hands!), until blackened all over. Or char the chiles under the broiler. Let them soften. Transfer the charred chiles to a heavy-duty resealable plastic bag and close. Let stand 10 minutes. The chiles will steam in the bag, making them soft and easy to peel.
2. Remove the skin.
3. Gently rub the chiles with paper towels to remove as much skin as possible. It's okay if a few flecks remain—they'll add flavor, so don't rinse them off. Open the chiles. Using a paring knife, make a slit across the top of a chile just below the stem, leaving the stem intact. Starting from the middle of the slit, slice lengthwise down to the tip of the pepper (cut through only one layer). Open the chile like a book and pull out the seeds and inner membranes. You may need to use a paring knife to loosen the top of the seedpod. Repeat with the remaining chiles.
4. Prepare the sauce. Puree the tomatoes, onion and garlic in a blender until smooth. Warm the olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the tomato puree and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally; the sauce will be broth-y. Season with salt and pepper and keep warm.
5. Make the filling.
6. Place the cheese in a bowl, then add the oregano, crumbling and rubbing it with your fingers to release its flavor. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Stuff the chiles.
7. Fill each chile with about 1/4 cup cheese mixture. Fold in the sides to cover the filling, then thread 2 toothpicks across the seam to form an X. You will probably need to make a second toothpick X to secure each chile so the filling doesn't leak out when you fry. Mix the batter.
8. Beat the egg whites with a mixer on high speed until soft peaks form. Add the egg yolk and beat 3 more minutes. Batter and fry.
9. Heat about 1 inch vegetable oil in a deep skillet over medium-high heat until a deep-fry thermometer registers 375 degrees F. Dredge: Pour flour into a shallow dish and season with salt and pepper. One at a time, coat the stuffed chiles with the flour. Batter: Holding each chile by the stem, lower it into the egg batter to cover completely. Let any excess batter drip off.
10. Fry: Add the chiles to the hot oil, 1 or 2 at a time; fry, flipping once with tongs, until golden, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.
11. Eat!

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10 Little-Known Facts About Cinco de Mayo

1. **Cinco de Mayo is not a celebration of Mexico's Independence** (which is actually September 16th), but rather a celebration of Mexico's victory in the battle at Puebla on May 5th, 1862. It was an unlikely win for the Mexican militia, who were heavily outnumbered by the French.
2. **Mexico won the battle, but not the war.** Although the Mexican Army won the battle at Puebla, the French went on to win the war, occupying the region for five years.
3. **For Napoleon III, the leader of France, the battle at Puebla** was an attempt at spreading his empire and conquering a key Mexican access point to the U.S., where he intended to lend support to the confederate army during the Civil War to keep the U.S. divided and less powerful.
4. **Abraham Lincoln sympathized with the Mexican cause** during the French occupation but was unable to lend direct support to the nation due to the U.S. Civil War. When the Civil War ended, the U.S. forced France to withdraw its troops from Mexico and their empire collapsed.
5. **Cinco de Mayo is not a federal holiday in Mexico.** In Puebla and Veracruz, however, Cinco de Mayo is a very important state holiday celebrated with parades, festivals, and reenactments.
6. **Cinco de Mayo became a popular holiday in the U.S.** after President Franklin Roosevelt enacted the "Good Neighbor Policy" in 1933 to improve relations with Latin American countries.
7. **Americans consume up to 81 million lbs. of avocados** on Cinco de Mayo every year! (*California Avocado Commission*)
8. **The world's largest Cinco de Mayo party is held in Los Angeles.** Other cities that throw big celebrations are Denver, New York, Phoenix, and Houston.
9. **Chandler, AZ celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a Chihuahua race.** Even Vancouver, B.C. in Canada celebrates, marking the day with a "skydiving boogie" that consists of aerial acrobatics and an air show.
10. **The U.S. consumes twice as much Tequila as Mexico**, where the spirit originated, according to *The Daily Meal*.



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Molly Fisk, an escrow processor with Fidelity National Title's Orlando, Florida operation, recently opened a cash-out loan in the amount of \$142,500 and ordered the title commitment. The title commitment called for a corrective deed from the prior owners and reflected the chain of title as follows:

- Special Warranty Deed filed in 2013 from Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) to EEEK Investments, LLC (this transaction was insured by another title company)
- Quit Claim Deed filed in 2015 from EEEK Investments, LLC to Sandy A. Gough, Neider A. Gough and Sabrina A. Gough (which was prepared and recorded by an attorney)
- Quit Claim Deed filed August 21, 2018 from Sandy A. Gough and Neider A. Gough back to EEEK Investments, LLC (which was prepared and recorded by the manager member of the LLC)

The requirement on the title commitment was to address the fact that Sabrina A. Gough did not sign the last quit claim deed conveying the property back to EEEK Investments, LLC. Molly reached out to the borrower on the loan who was the managing member of EEEK Investments, LLC, to see if he had any contact information from the prior owners, Sandy A. Gough and Neider A. Gough. The managing member told her they were in Haiti and he provided an email address for Sandy A. Gough.

Molly proceeded to email Sandy about obtaining a corrective deed to add Sabrina A. Gough to perfect the transfer back to EEEK Investments, LLC. In the meantime, she ordered the survey needed for closing.

The surveyor went to the property and was questioned by a woman living in the home. She claimed to be the owner of the property, and stated she and her husband were not selling or refinancing the property.

The surveyor called Molly thinking he may have received the wrong property information. He told Molly someone was living in the property and purported to be the owner. He provided Molly with the phone number of the woman.

Molly called to verify the woman in the property was the true owner and not EEEK Investments, LLC. She soon discovered she was actually speaking to Sandy

A. Gough! She confirmed the email the managing member of the LLC provided did not belong to Sandy.

Molly obtained the correct email address and sent Sandy a copy of the quit claim deed that had been sent back to EEEK Investments, LLC. Sandy called back and confirmed it was fraudulent and the signature on the deed was not her signature. She asked Molly to hold the document and not record it. Unfortunately the document had already been recorded.

While speaking with Sandy, Molly looked again at the recorded deed. Molly discovered not only was Sabrina's signature missing, but the notary also acknowledged the signature of the grantee — the managing member of the LLC — not the signatures of Sandy A. Gough and Neider A. Gough, whose signatures were forged on the document. The notary acknowledgement must have been taken from another document and attached to the deed, since the grantee never even signed the deed.

Molly raised her concerns with her management team and together they resigned from closing and insuring the transaction by notifying their customer, the lender. They gave the lender the facts — and nothing else — and allowed them to make their own determination as to what happened. For her discovery and prevention of a potential title claim, Molly received a \$1,500 reward and letter of recognition from the Company.

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