World Flavors: Herbs, Spices, and More

Latin America & Spain

Allspice

Anise

Annatto seed/Achiote

Basil (dried and fresh)

Bay leaves

Black pepper

Cayenne (hot chili powder)

Chamomile

Chepiche (like tarragon)

Chili powder (mild to moderate heat)

Chilies (whole, fresh, and dried)

Chipotles in adobo

Chocolate

Cilantro

Cinnamon

Cloves

Cocoa

Coriander

Crushed red pepper

Cilantro

Cumin

Dried whole shrimp/Camaron Seco

Epazote

Garlic

Hibiscus flowers/Flor de Jamaica

Lemon

Lime

Mint

Nutmeg

Oregano, Mexican

Paprika (smoked or sweet)

Pumpkin seeds/Pepitas verdes

Rosemary (dried and fresh)

Saffron

Sage (dried and fresh)

Tamarind

Thyme (dried and fresh)

Vanilla

Mediterranean & Middle East

Allspice

Anise

Basil (dried and fresh)

Bay leaves

Black pepper

Capers

Caraway seeds

Cardamom

Chives

Cilantro

Cinnamon

Cloves

Coriander

Cumin

Dill (dried and fresh)

Dill seed

Fennel

Garlic

Ginger

Harissa

Juniper berries

Lemon

Mint

Nutmeg

Orange and Orange flower water

Oregano, Turkish

Paprika (smoked or sweet)

Parsley

Pine nuts

Pistachios

Poppy seeds

Rose and Rose flower water

Rosemary (dried and fresh)

Saffron

Sage (dried and fresh)

Savory (dried and fresh)

Sesame seeds

Sumac

Tahini

Tarragon

Thyme (dried and fresh)

India, Southeast Asia, & More

Aiwair

Anise

Asafoetida/Hing

Bay leaves

Black pepper

Brown and black mustard seeds

Cardamom

Cashews

Chili leaf

Chili powders (mild to hot)

Chilies (whole, fresh and dried)

Cilantro

Citrus fruit (Oranges, kumquats, & more)

Cloves

Coconut and coconut milk

Coriander

Cumin

Curry leaf

Curry powder

Dried shrimp

Dry mango powder/Amchur

Fenugreek/Methi

Fish sauce

Galangal

Garam masala

Garlic

Ginger

Jaggery or Palm sugar

Kaffir lime leaf

Lemongrass

Lime

Nigella seeds

Nutmeg

Paprika

Peanuts

Pomegranate seeds

Poppy seeds

Rice vinegar and Rice wine/Mirin

Saffron

Sambal, Gochujang, other chili paste

Sesame seeds

Toasted sesame oil

Tamarind

Thai basil

Turmeric

*Italicized ingredients = used by more than one region; **bolded ingredients = basic pantry options**



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