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## Avocado Guacamole Soup

For many of us, guacamole—the avocado dip cum tortilla chips—is positively addicting. When those same ingredients—avocado, tomatoes, onions, and jalapeños—are smoothed with a touch of stock and sour cream, you'll discover a new pleasure. Serve it at room temperature. Of course, tortilla chips make a great garnish. To make this a main-course soup, add grilled shrimp or chicken.

## SERVES 4

- 2 ripe avocados, (about 1/2 pound each), peeled
- 1 large onion, peeled and quartered
- 2 large tomatoes, peeled and seeded
- 1 large clove garlic
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons hot or mild chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 11/2-2 teaspoons salt or to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper

11/2 cups chicken or vegetable stock

- ½ cup sour cream
- + additional sour cream to garnish
- 2 tablespoons Tequila (optional)
- 1 small onion, peeled
- 1∕₂−1 jalapeño pepper, seeds and membranes removed
- 2/3 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
  - + additional leaves to garnish
- ½ tablespoon red wine vinegar

Tortilla chips, to garnish (optional)

- 1. Combine the avocados, large onion, 1 tomato, the garlic, lime juice, chili powder, cumin, salt, black pepper, and half of the stock in a food processor and purée until smooth. Add the remaining stock, sour cream, and Tequila, and blend. Transfer the soup to a large bowl and, if desired, chill.
- 2. By hand, chop the remaining tomato, small onion, jalapeño, and ¾ cup cilantro leaves together until they are finely diced and well blended.
- 3. Stir the vinegar and chopped onion mixture into the soup. Ladle the soup into bowls. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream, a few cilantro leaves, and serve with tortilla chips.

## NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

CALORIES 290 | CALORIES FROM FAT 210 | TOTAL FAT 24G | SATURATED FAT 5G CHOLESTEROL 5MG | TOTAL CARBOHYDRATE 19G | DIETARY FIBER 8G SUGARS 5G | PROTEIN 5G | VITAMIN A 45% | VITAMIN C 60% | CALCIUM 6% | IRON 15%