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The arts of sushi

壽司的藝術

ICI students learning Japanese Cuisine and Sushi Preparation must be well versed in multiple styles of this iconic dish

學做日本料理和壽司的ICI學員必須熟習以下幾款經典壽司



Nigiri zushi 握壽司

Nigiri zushi is vinegared rice moulded by hand into bite-size pieces and topped with neta. The neta can be raw and, depending on the texture of the seafood, cut at different thicknesses. Anago sea eel is simmered in a sweet soy sauce, mackerel and other blue fish are marinated with salt and vinegar. Preparing the rice and seasoning it properly is essential. Gari, pickled ginger, is served as a palate cleanser. Traditional condiments are freshly grated wasabi, soy sauce and a sweet taré sauce used for glazing some neta.





Maki zushi 卷壽司

Maki zushi, rolled sushi, is vinegared rice and fillings rolled in nori laver and sliced into bite-size pieces, Hosomaki, thin rolls, have a simple filling such as raw tuna or nattō fermented soybeans, and are traditionally served at the end of the meal at a sushi counter. Futomaki, thick rolls, are filled with a colourful variety of ingredients such as tamagoyaki omelet, seasoned kampyō gourd, carrots, cucumber and sakura denbu - a pink-tinged white fish sweetened with sugar. The combination creates a flavourful sushi with a rich texture. The rice, fillings and laver are rolled with a makisu bamboo woven mat.

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Oshi zushi 押壽司

Oshi zushi, pressed sushi, also called hako zushi, box sushi, is a local style of sushi in many regions of Japan. Vinegared rice is put into a wooden box and topped with seafood, vegetables or a combination, and pressed down. The pressed sushi is cut into smaller pieces, bite-size or large squares. Kyōto is famous for saba zushi, pickled mackerel pressed over a log of vinegared rice and wrapped in kombu kelp. The vinegared rice and toppings can be layered giving a mille-feuille effect. The wooden box used to make the pressed sushi varies in size and shape depending on the region.



Chirashi zushi 散壽司



Chirashi zushi, scattered sushi, is a large plate of vinegared rice scattered on top with seasonal ingredients from the land and sea. Toppings include a variety of seafood both raw and cooked, vegetables, nori laver and shredded omelet. Each ingredient is prepared separately before assembling over rice. Thoughtful inclusion of a variety of colours is important. The multicoloured chirashi zushi brightens up the dining table and is a popular dish for festive occasions and family gatherings.

Kaki no ha zushi 柿葉壽司

Kaki no ha zushi are bite-sized vinegared rice topped with salted seafood such as salmon or mackerel wrapped in persimmon leaves. The leaves have antibacterial properties and act as a preservative so the sushi can be eaten for up to three days. Kaki no ha zushi originated in the interior part of Japan away from the sea. Leaves are nature's eco-friendly food wrapping that also double as tableware. Other leaves such as sasa bamboo or hōba Japanese magnolia may also be used. Japanese ancestors first grasped the bacteriafighting or preservation benefit of using leaves.

