# **Coconut Joy Truffles**

**PREP TIME:** 45 minutes **CHILL TIME:** 45 minutes

**COOK TIME:** 10 minutes

# **FOR THE FILLING:**

1/2 C heavy cream 2 T honey or agave syrup (optional, for a touch

1 T <u>Coconut</u> tea leaves of sweetness)

1 C unsweetened shredded coconut 1/4 t vanilla extract

1/4 C coconut cream

# FOR THE CHOCOLATE COATING:

8 oz dark chocolate (70% cocoa), finely 1 T coconut oil (optional, for a smoother coating)

FOR TOPPING:

1/2 C chopped almonds

# **INFUSE THE CREAM:**

1. In a small saucepan, heat the heavy cream until it just begins to simmer. Remove from heat.

- 2. Add the coconut tea leaves to the cream. Cover and steep for 10 minutes.
- 3. Strain the cream through a fine mesh sieve to remove the tea leaves, pressing down to extract as much flavor as possible.

#### MAKE THE COCONUT FILLING:

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine the infused cream, shredded coconut, coconut cream, honey or agave syrup (if using), and vanilla extract. Mix until well combined.
- 2. Refrigerate the mixture for about 30 minutes to firm it up.

#### **FORM THE TRUFFLES:**

- 1. Using a small spoon or melon baller, scoop out small portions of the coconut mixture and roll them into balls between your palms. Place them on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 2. Freeze the coconut balls for about 15 minutes to make them easier to coat with chocolate.

## **COAT WITH CHOCOLATE:**

- 1. Melt the dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pot of simmering water (double boiler method). Stir until smooth. If using, add the coconut oil for a smoother coating.
- Dip each coconut ball into the melted chocolate, using a fork to fully coat. Let any excess chocolate drip off before placing the coated truffle back on the parchment-lined baking sheet.

## TOP WITH CHOPPED ALMONDS:

While the chocolate is still wet, sprinkle the tops of the truffles with chopped almonds.

## **SET THE TRUFFLES:**

Refrigerate the truffles for about 30 minutes to set the chocolate.