

# **OREGANO Essential Oil**



**Botanical Name:** *Origanum vulgare* **Plant Part:** Leaves and Stems

**Origin: India** 

**Processing Method:** Steam Distilled

Child Safe: See safety precautions below

#### **ABOUT THE PLANT**

Oregano is a common garden plant with a strong aroma when the leaves are bruised. Native to Europe, Oregano is now cultivated all over the world, including the USA, India and South America. The oil is mainly produced in Russia, Bulgaria and Italy.

### **ABOUT THE OIL**

You can smell this oil's power from the first moment the bottle is opened—the aroma is quite in-tense. According to some aromatherapists, the essential oil may be best used when a strong response to microbes or fungus is needed; it has a broad spectrum of anti-microbial action in laboratory research.

Oregano Essential Oil is a very powerful essential oil and must be used with great care.

### **Oregano Essential Oil Uses**

- Antibacterial
- Antifungal
- Antiviral
- Expectorant
- Stimulant

Source: Valerie Ann Worwood, The Complete Book of Essential Oils and Aromatherapy, 25th Anniversary Edition (Novato, CA: New World Library, 2016, 610.

# **Major Constituents for Turkish Oregano Oil**

- Carvacrol
- p-Cymene
- Gamma-Terpinene
- Thymol
- Linalool



## **Application**

### **INHALATION**

direct inhalation, diffuser, oil vaporizer

#### **TOPICAL**

massage, compress, skincare

Apply oil topically to the bottom of the feet; if applied elsewhere, dilute 1:50 in carrier oil.

#### **INGESTION**

Essential oils tend to be metabolized fairly rapidly in the body—most of the time—the best use is small amounts, frequently. Do not simply ingest directly from the bottle (it will burn the inside of one's mouth!). Note that Oil of Oregano processed for ingestion found in health food stores is this same essential oil, typically diluted in Olive oil, then capsulated.

## **Aromatherapy Details**

- Oregano has a strong, herbaceous, camphoraceous aroma.
- Oregano blends well with: <u>Basil Oil</u>, <u>Geranium Oil</u>, <u>Lemongrass Oil</u>, <u>Myrtle Oil</u>, <u>Rosemary Oil</u>, and Thyme Oil.

### Safety

- Dermal toxin, skin irritant, mucous membrane irritant. Avoid during pregnancy.
- Do not use on children under 2 years old.
- Always test a small amount first for sensitivity or allergic reaction.
- VERY POWERFUL dilute 50:1 for skin application; avoid contact to mucous membranes and do not use on hypersensitive, diseased or damaged skin.
- More is not better with oil of Oregano! It is VERY potent, and only a small amount is needed at one time. Be aware of how your body is responding. The French aroma—medical literature advises refraining from long term use due to possible undesirable changes in liver metabolism.



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