BLACK OLIVES + RED ONION

Ingredients

1 small or ½ medium red onion, sliced into thin rings Ice water

5 large navel oranges or

3 navel oranges plus

2 or 3 blood oranges

5 herbed or oil-cured black olives, pitted and chopped

About 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 Tbsp red wine vinegar

1/4 to 1/2 tsp sugar

Salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

- 1. Immerse the onions in a bowl of ice cubes and cold water. Refrigerate 30 minutes to several hours.
- 2. Peel the oranges, trimming away all the white pith. Slice into rounds between ¼ and ¼ inch thick, saving their juice. (The oranges can wait, covered, for several hours at room temperature.)
- 3. Overlap the orange slices on a large platter. Drain the onions and tuck the rings here and there between the orange slices. Scatter the olives on top. Sprinkle with the olive oil, vinegar, sugar, and reserved orange juice. Season with a little salt and a generous amount of black pepper.
- 4. Serve soon, to experience the full crispness of the onions.

Source: The Italian Country Table