Fontina Mushroom Bruschetta

1 14-inch French baguette
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 package (8 oz. each) Culinary Tours Fontina Cheese
12 ounces sliced mixed mushrooms*
1/4 cup chopped shallot
2 tablespoons butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400. Cut bread diagonally into 24 ½-inch slices. Lightly brush oil over both sides of bread slices; arrange slices in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned, turning after 5 minutes. Unwrap cheese and place on a waxed paper lined tray in freezer for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, sauté mushrooms and shallot in butter until soft and mushrooms are lightly browned, about 7 to 9 minutes. Add garlic, rosemary, thyme, salt and pepper; cook 2 minutes. Cut fontina into 24 even slices. Place 1 slice cheese on each slice of bread. Top with equal amounts of mushrooms. Bake 3 to 4 minutes until cheese melts. Serve warm. Yield: 24 appetizers.

^{*}Use a blend of mushrooms such as button, porcini, shitake and oyster.



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