



A trail ride through the highlands of Ethiopia where the horse is still an integral part of family life.

## Ethiopia - Blue Nile Trail



**10 - 19 May 2010**  
**9 nights / 8 days riding**  
**4 - 6 hours riding per day**  
**Price from £1,530**

### The Riding

You should be a confident rider and in control at all paces. You should also be reasonably fit to cope with the number of hours in the saddle.

The horses are sure footed mountain ponies ranging from 13.2hh to 14.2hh. They include Abyssinian ponies, one of the oldest recognised breeds and renowned for their polo playing abilities, and descendants of Emperor Haile Selassie's stable of Lipizzaner, Arabs and race horses.

Why go to Ethiopia to ride horses? Because the high plateau of the country must rate as some of the best riding ground in the world; because the Ethiopians who inhabit these uplands are horse people; because you'll get to see the country like no one else, and its inhabitants will receive you like their own when they see you riding like them.

Forget the images of a parched and dried up land. This is an Ethiopia of clear mountain streams, flower strewn meadows and ancient forests.

During the trail we stay under canvas and there is a support crew who travel by vehicle with the luggage.

You are accompanied throughout by someone from In The Saddle.

There is an optional extension after the ride to see some of the unique rock hewn churches around Lalibela.

See [inthesaddle.com](http://inthesaddle.com) for prices, itinerary, route map and photo gallery.

