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★ El Verde

\$\$ | HOTEL | Formerly known as the Green House, this small hotel offers a quiet getaway in a gorgeous rural setting—indeed, it's the perfect place to experience nature without having to rough it, as the rooms are tastefully appointed and extremely comfortable. **Pros:** quiet and friendly; beautiful grounds; nestled under mountains. **Cons:** remote location; friendly dogs on-site are not for everyone; fills up fast. (3) *Rooms from: S/405* ☎ *Km 60.2, Carretera Pisac–Ollantaytambo, Huaran* ☎ 941/299-944 🌐 www.el-verde.com ↪ 4 rooms 🍷 Free Breakfast.

Green House Villas

\$\$ | GUESTHOUSE | Each of the three villas at this beautiful property has a fully equipped kitchen, a dining room, a fireplace, two bedrooms, and two baths, allowing for an independent stay in paradise. **Pros:** stunning location; beautiful villas and private space; housekeeping and breakfast included. **Cons:** off the beaten path; no restaurant on-site; two-night minimum stay. (3) *Rooms from: S/420* ☎ *Km 56.8, Carretera Pisac–Ollantaytambo, Huaran* ☎ 991/217-388 🌐 www.thegreenhousevillas.com ↪ 3 villas 🍷 No Meals.

Huayllabamba

On your way from Pisac to Yucay/Urubamba, you'll pass through this small town. There's not much reason to stop unless you're staying at the Aranwa or Inkaterra's Hacienda, but that alone can be reason enough.

GETTING HERE AND AROUND

Huayllabamba is best reached from Urubamba, either by private taxi or using one of the frequent colectivos (S/3) shuttling between Urubamba and Pisac.

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Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel and Wellness

\$\$\$ | HOTEL | The riverside location in the beautiful Sacred Valley is enough to make your stress melt away; add to that an extensive wellness center with treatments featuring local ingredients and therapies, hydrotherapy pools, a fitness center, and more, and your trip to Peru may become a wellness retreat. **Pros:** excellent service; beautiful property; extensive wellness treatments. **Cons:** located in a remote area; feels a bit like a compound; nothing else around translates to higher prices for meals and incidentals. (3) *Rooms from: S/799* ☎ *Antigua Hacienda Yaravilca, Huayllabamba* ☎ 084/581-900 🌐 www.aranwahotels.com ↪ 115 rooms 🍷 Free Breakfast.

Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba

\$\$\$\$ | HOTEL | Whether you stay in the main house or your own private casita, all the guest quarters at this sprawling, 40-hectare (100-acre), sustainable estate—built to resemble the haciendas of old—have beautiful wood appointments and allow for peaceful dreams thanks to the finest beds and the dramatic views of the Sacred Valley and surrounding mountains. **Pros:** stunning views and setting; high tea and curated breakfast included; excellent service. **Cons:** remote location; books up well ahead during busy periods; expensive. (3) *Rooms from: S/1400* ☎ *Km 63, Cusco–Urubamba–Pisac–Calca Hwy., Huayllabamba* ☎ 084/600-700, 800/442-5042 in the U.S. and Canada 🌐 www.inkaterra.com ↪ 36 rooms 🍷 Free Breakfast.

Yucay

46 km (28 miles) northwest of Pisac.

Just a bit outside the much larger Urubamba, Yucay proper is only a few streets wide, with a collection of attractive colonial-era adobe-and-stucco