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The Maxwell Hotel in Seattle's Lower Queen Anne neighborhood has a boutique feel and an artsy, modern decor that reflects its location in the theater district (just steps from the Seattle Opera's home, McCaw Hall, and KeyArena, on the site of the 1962 World's Fair). Walk a few blocks to the Space Needle. Hop on the monorail to downtown shops and Pike Place Market (\$4 round trip). Or borrow a hotel cruiser bike and explore miles of off-street bike paths. Each room in this independent, child-friendly hotel comes with a microwave, fridge, and coffeemaker. Free parking and Internet, and DVD players with complimentary movies and popcorn. Rates start at \$209; packages available in October, in conjunction with the Seattle Art Museum's new Picasso exhibit. 877-298-9728, www.themaxwellhotel.com