The Maxwell Hotel, Seattle

Seattle is known as America’s funky, artsy and off-center gathering place for the young and hip. Those terms can also apply to one of its newest hotels, the 139-room Maxwell, which opened in March.

Situated at the base of Queen Anne Hill near the Space Needle, The Maxwell Hotel is just a short distance away from such pillars of the city’s arts community as the Pacific Northwest Ballet, the Seattle Opera and the Seattle Repertory Theater. The murals and mosaic tiles that decorate the property’s interiors reflect the owners’ passion for the arts, with such touches as the mosaic pineapple in the lobby and children’s art tiles accenting the indoor swimming pool.

Guest rooms are categorized as Aria, Duet or Ensemble, or your clients can stay in one of the Prima Donna Suites, the Divas’ Dressing Room or the Maestro Suite, which has a sofa-sleeper, kitchenette, separate bedroom with two queen beds, a walk-in closet and a spacious bathroom with walk-in shower.

The boutique hotel is, of course, Earth- and dog-friendly: Recycling programs and complimentary bicycles are available for the earth lovers, doggie beds and bowls for the pet lovers. In addition to its uber-trendiness, The Maxwell also includes all the necessary features of any quality hotel: 42-inch flat panel TVs, iPod docks, 24-hour espresso bar (this is Seattle, after all), complimentary Internet, exercise facility and 1,600 feet of meeting space.
Emphasizing its artistic bent, The Maxwell is currently running a Celebrate the Artist package to coincide with Seattle Art Museum’s exhibition Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris, which has on display eight decades of sculpture, prints, and drawings from the artist’s personal collection. Guests will receive an overnight stay in an Aria King or Duet Queen room with a Space Needle view, two VIP passes to the exhibition, two roundtrip Monorail tickets and complimentary overnight parking and Wi-Fi. It’s available now through January 11, with rates starting at $179 per person, double. For more information, agents can contact General Manager Linda Jones (206-286-0629, ljones@themaxwellhotel.com).