



SOUTHWEST AIRLINES SPIRIT,  
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ALL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN APPEAR ON THE DOORS OF GUEST ROOMS. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTNEY LOVE, ROOM 515 © CHARLES PETERSON; TRUCK TIRES, ROOM 1002 © JOHN ARMSTRONG; KURT COBAIN, ROOM 514 © CHARLES PETERSON; SUPERMAN, ROOM 1019 © JOHN ARMSTRONG

## Art Max-ed Out

Boutique hotel gives Seattle visitors a taste of local art

You usually have to head out of your hotel before enjoying a city's local art scene, but the **Hotel Max** is an agoraphobic art lover's dream. This renovated, ultracool boutique hotel, formerly known as the Vance Hotel, is six blocks from Pike's Place Market. It has enough art on the lobby walls, in the rooms, and on every guest room door — works by some 30 local artists, including Jackie Barnett, Andrée Carter, and Junko Yamamoto — to make staying inside for the remainder of the trip an interesting, if unlikely, possibility. Paintings and blown-up photographs are for sale. All nine floors feature a different photographer: On the fifth floor (the "grunge floor"), you'll find Charles Peterson's images of Seattle music icons, such as bands Mudhoney and Pearl Jam, as well as the icon's icon, Kurt Cobain. Even the red-leather-walled elevators are works of art. —Paul Zemanek

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