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Hear me roar: a tiger walks along Philadelphia Zoo's new walkways

On the prowl

Animals roaming freely around a zoo: sounds like the stuff of a low-budget thriller. But at Philadelphia Zoo — the oldest in America — this is what you'll find, thanks to a pioneering network of overhead walkways installed as part of a £6.5m redesign. First came tigers, lions and orang-utans, ambling through the trees on the 42-acre site. Now a new "treeway" means there will be gorillas in the midst, too. Expect to see other zoos ape this innovative scheme, pronto. philadelphiazoo.org

You little star

Do we take the extra child or the extra case? It's a dilemma many families will face this summer, what with the sheer quantity of luggage the average brood accumulates. The new Star BoostApak should help the cause. The latest in Trunki's range of devilishly clever dual-purpose luggage, it's a rucksack and booster seat rolled into one. Kids will love the star design. Just as well, since they're carrying it. £49.99; trunki.co.uk

A small victory

Here's a hotel the French may be keen to avoid. Laid out over nearly 200 sq ft on the first floor of the Castell d'Emporda, in Catalonia, is Europe's largest scale model of the Battle of Waterloo. It's been a labour of love for the hotel's Dutch owner, Albert Diks, whose great-great-grandfather fought in Boney's ranks — he took nearly 20 years to painstakingly re-create the scene, and has even made a movie featuring it to mark the bicentenary of the battle on Thursday. The 2,000 soldiers, including Napoleon himself, are hand-painted and little more than a couple of inches tall. Enough to give anyone a complex. hotelcastellemporda.com

Bonnie in Ibiza

You can't beat a good 1980s tribute band, although sometimes you might feel like doing so. Avoid frustration at low-rent imitations by seeing the originals this summer. On Ibiza, too. The White Isle's Hard Rock hotel has assembled a line-up of artists for its summer season that's almost as big on nostalgia as it is on hair: Bonnie Tyler, Bananarama, Paul Young and Samantha Fox are all appearing. Children of the 80s runs on Sunday night from June 28 and is free for hotel guests and those dressed in 1980s gear, consciously or otherwise. hrhibiza.com