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📍 Passage 1: Yellowstone Park (USA)

Yellowstone is an enormous wilderness area sitting on top of a volcanic hotspot. It features dramatic canyons, rushing rivers, and wild forests. It is famous for its wildlife, like grizzly bears and bison, as well as its active geysers, including the iconic Old Faithful.

📍 Passage 2: Cinque Terre (Italy)

Cinque Terre consists of five centuries-old seaside villages perched along the rugged Italian Riviera coastline. In this steep region, colorful houses and vineyards cling to terraces overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Harbors are filled with small fishing boats rather than large ships.

📍 Passage 3: Kinkakuji Temple (Japan)

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Kinkakuji, also known as the Golden Pavilion, is a serene Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto. The top two floors are completely covered in brilliant gold leaf. It stands gracefully next to a quiet, peaceful pond that mirrors its shimmering reflection amidst manicured trees.

📍 Passage 4: Chichen Itza Pyramids (Mexico)

Chichen Itza was a vibrant, sprawling ancient Maya city. Its most famous structure is *El Castillo*, a massive, heavy stone pyramid built step-by-step to track the calendar. The climate here is tropical, hot, and dry compared to cool mountain regions.

✍️ The Challenge: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the **comparative form** of the adjective in parentheses. Remember the formula:

$$\text{Noun } + \text{ Verb } + \text{ Comparative Adjective } + \text{ than } + \text{ Noun}.$$

1. *(Large)* Yellowstone Park has a _____ land area _____ the quiet grounds of Kinkakuji Temple.
2. *(Colorful)* The coastal buildings in Cinque Terre are _____ _____ the grey stone blocks of Chichen Itza.
3. *(Ancient)* The centuries-old structures of Chichen Itza are _____ _____ modern hotels.
4. *(Hot)* The tropical climate at the Mexico pyramids is _____ _____ the shaded forests of Yellowstone.
5. *(Shiny)* Covered in real gold leaf, Kinkakuji Temple is _____ _____ the natural cliffs of Cinque Terre.

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