Contents

Introduction:

Temples, Lands and Gods 6

Map of Colonnaded Temple Sites 8–9

I Homes of the Gods

Development, Glory and Decline 18

The First Temples 20

Temples and Community 26

Tyrants, Rivalry and War 30

The Spread of Greek Culture 34

The Coming of Rome 40

Decline and Rediscovery 42

II Building for the Gods

Siting, Construction, Decoration and Finance 46

Selecting the Location 48

Design and Construction 56

Adorning the Temple 62

Finance and Repair 70

III The Living Temple

The Parts of the Temple and their Uses 72

The God in the Temple 74

A Focus for Ritual 86

Other Temple Activities 92

IV Encounters with the Gods

The Temple in its Sacred Setting 96

A Place of Worship 98

Priests and Festivals 100

The Context of the Temple 104

V Temples of the Gods

Seven Journeys Through Greek Lands 108

Italy and Sicily 110

Athens, Attike and the Saronic Gulf 134

The Peloponnese 150

Central and Northern Greece 166

The Aegean Islands and the Black Sea 180

Asia Minor 188

Syria and North Africa 224

Epilogue: Exploration and Conservation Today 228

Visiting the Temples 230

Further Reading 231

Illustration Credits 235

Acknowledgments 235

Index 236