The reconstructed Globe Theatre which was completed by June 1614 and closed in 1642. A modern reconstruction of the original Globe that opened in 1997. Shakespeare's company erected the famed Globe Theatre, circa 1599, in London's Bankside district. The open-air, octagonal amphitheater was three stories high and had a diameter of approximately 100 feet, with a seating capacity of 3,000 spectators. Plays were performed on a rectangular stage platform that was about 43 feet wide and 27 feet deep.