



The Train of Death

(El Tren de la Muerte)

An immigrant's journey from Central America to the United States.



United States

MEXICO

CUBA

CAYMAN ISLANDS

BELIZE

JAMAICA

GUATEMALA

HONDURAS

NICARAGUA

EL SALVADOR

COSTA RICA

PANAMA

The Central American countries are highlighted in red. Most of the migrants who ride The Train of Death come from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.



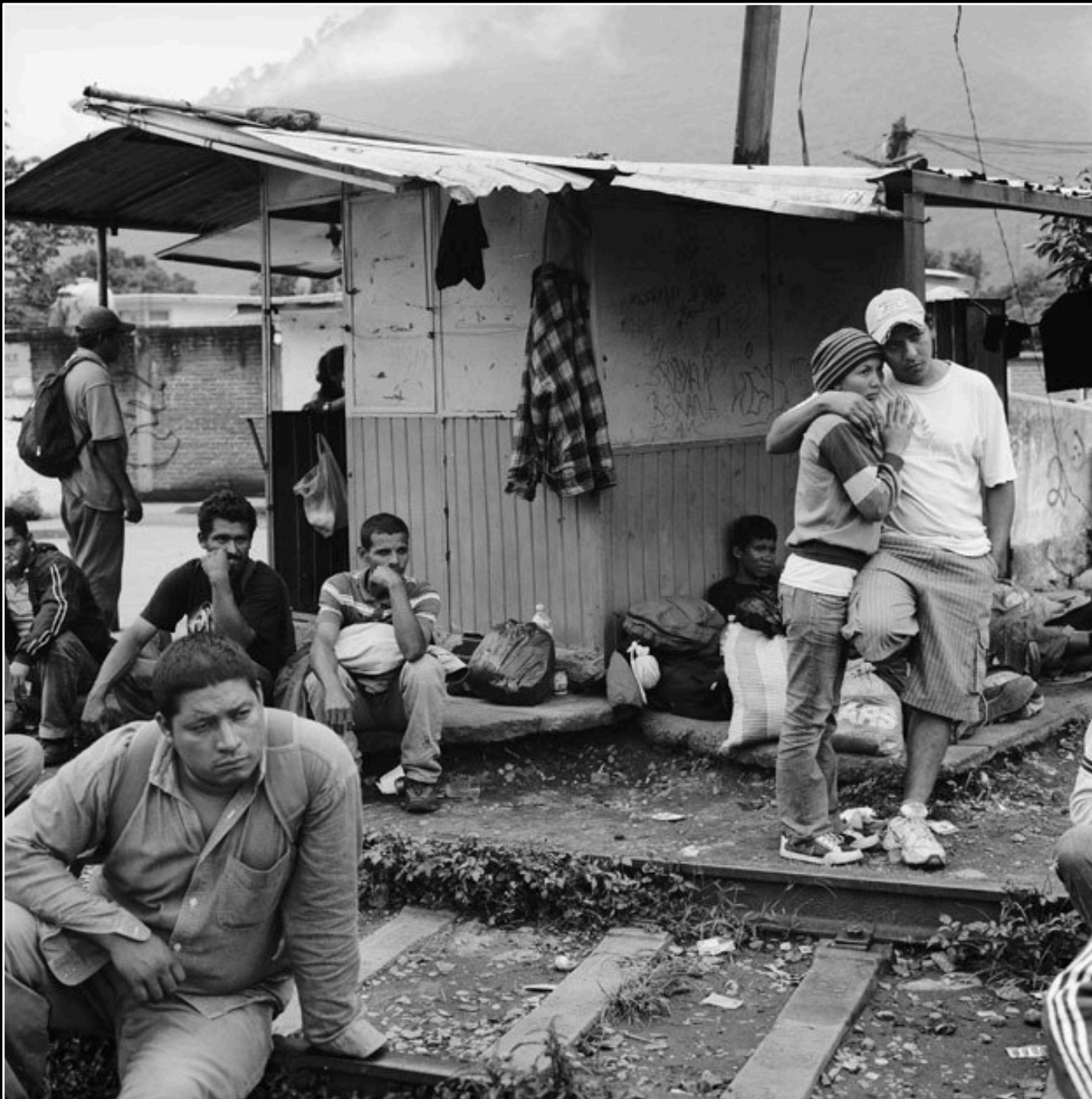
A map of the different routes the trains might take.



An immigrant family rides atop the train in hopes of entering the United States illegally.



Just the first part of the ride typically takes around 13 hours to complete.



Migrants must wait out in the open to board the train for the second leg of their journey. Sometimes the wait can last days.



This woman and her husband were traveling on The Train of Death from Honduras. While in Mexico her husband was captured and detained by the Mexican Immigration Officials.



This Guatemalan woman and her 6 month old son are waiting to jump on a train in Mexico. They have already ridden one train from Guatemala City (the capitol of Guatemala) to Arriaga, a city in the Mexican state of Chiapas.



Migrants from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala scramble to get on the moving train.



This man, who lost his arm while attempting to travel from Honduras to the U.S. on the train, recovers in a migrant shelter in Mexico. The shelter was made specifically for those who suffered amputations along the journey.

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