



Dinah Shore sang about the usually enjoyable springtime visit to the beautiful capital of France. However, if your plans take you there this season, be aware of potential dangers to tourists.

There have been recent street riots by people angered about various problems in immigration, taxes and growing inflation. Visitors could be confronted suddenly by unruly mobs, the homeless and/or armed soldiers.

If you see unrest happening, get away from it as soon as you can. Be extra cautious when near or at popular Paris landmarks, such as the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre.

As with US immigration problems with Mexico, France is experiencing a significant influx of illegals from North Africa. Many, including children, are living on city streets in poverty and desperation. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and keep valuables, purses and wallets secure in zipped or buttoned pockets.