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Viva Las Vegas For Lucky Swindon Lady

A Swindon lady is packing her suitcase and heading off to the bright lights of Las Vegas after scooping a glittering £2,905,372 share of last Saturday's main Lotto jackpot (29 April 2006).

Maria Gray (43), a production engineer, was at home with her friend when she discovered her win. She said: "My friend and I were at my house and she got the winning numbers as usual by text message. She wrote the numbers down on a piece of paper and left them on the kitchen table. Later on that afternoon I had a quick look at the numbers and thought it was a wind up, as the numbers matched my ticket exactly – but I had won the jackpot!"

Maria quickly shared the good news with family and friends, and they all joined her for celebrations at the De Vere Hotel in Swindon. Maria explained: "Everyone was really delighted for me and we had a few drinks to celebrate my incredible luck. Nobody can quite believe it. It's going to take a while before it finally sinks in for me as well."

As well as holiday to Las Vegas, Maria is starting to think about how to spend her win. She said: "I have lots of plans! I'm definitely going to buy a new house, I've always fancied a bungalow and will start looking round in the Swindon area. I'm also going to buy a new car. I'd love a MG sports car and now thanks to my incredible win, I can fulfil my dream and actually own one!"

The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 29 April were 10, 29, 31, 32, 36, 47, and the bonus ball was 17. The ticket, which was a Lucky Dip®, was bought from Delta News in Westlea, Swindon.

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This Wednesday (3 May), there is an estimated Lotto jackpot of £2.6 million as well as an estimated £5.1 million Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while Friday's (5 May) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million.

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