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Spend a half-day on the track with Drift Australia Champion Fernando Wiehl, as he teaches you the skills you need to grab the wheel and try out this edge-of-your-seat style of racing for yourself! [\(View Website\)](#)

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Meet Your Teacher
Fernando Wiehl, D1 World All Star

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Drifting is a style of racing where the driver intentionally puts the car into a controlled skid just as he is rounding the turns on a track. The result is a sport that combines ballet-like precision with sheer force and it's one of the most thrilling forms of racing around (as anyone who's seen The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift knows!)

Now you can experience drifting first-hand, thanks to this unique Lime&Tonic exclusive deal.

First you'll strap yourself in to the passenger seat to learn the art of the "drift donut" and the "drift hand-brake turn" from pro drifter Fernando Wiehl. After you think you've got the hang of it, you'll be able to prove it by sliding behind the wheel and trying--three times--to demonstrate your chops.

Next comes drift entry training, where you find out the secrets of getting the car in the proper sideways position before you hit the turn. Pay close attention, because you're up next--showing your new skills through four separate attempts to get the maneuver right.

Finally, it's a pure joy ride as you buckle in as a passenger for some laps of a lifetime--a thrilling series of high-speed drift spins around the track that'll definitely get your heart pounding.

Throughout the day, you'll get to drive four different cars including a 180SX, 200SX, and an R32 and R33 Skyline. It's an experience that'll last in your memory long after the tires cool!

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BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW

The sport of drifting originated in the 1990's on the mountainous winding roads of Japan which gave drivers the perfect "S" curves on which to practice their controlled skids. Today it is not only the fastest growing motorsport in Japan, but it is practiced on six continents--including Australia!

One of the most notable celebrities of this relatively young sport is Fernando Wiehl, who was introduced to the sport in 2004 and quickly went on to win the Formula Drift National Series in 2005. His career has seen several wins since then including the first place spot at Queensland Raceway in the 2007 Drift Australia Series.

"Ferd," as he is often known, was once asked by Drift Australia what animal he would be if he could choose any. His answer? A squirrel. Kind of makes sense when you see how much of their time they spend sideways or moving at high speeds!



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