# **Privacy Policy**

#### 1. Introduction

#### 2. Data Collection

**OpenStreetMap (OSM)**: We use OSM for mapping functions. OSM does not store personal data for map embeddings or queries made through our site.

**Google Analytics**: We use Google Analytics to understand user interactions with our site. Google Analytics collects data such as your IP address, browser type, and pages visited. This helps us improve our website.

**Contact Form**: We also collect personal information, such as your name and email address, when you use our contact form. This information is sent directly to our email for response purposes and is not stored on the website itself. If you choose to submit anonymously, you may use fake details for your name and email. This option is provided to ensure your privacy when you prefer not to share personal information

#### 3. Cookies

We use cookies for essential site functionality and to track usage via Google Analytics. You can control cookies through your browser settings or the cookie consent banner provided on our site.

**Cookie Consent**: We provide a consent mechanism where you can explicitly agree to non-essential cookies. You may withdraw your consent at any time by adjusting your browser settings or through our cookie consent tool.

#### 4. Data Use

The data collected through Google Analytics is used solely for site improvement and understanding user demographics without identifying individuals.

### 5. Data Sharing

Data collected by Google Analytics might be shared with Google, subject to their privacy policies. We do not share this data with other third parties.

## 6. Retention

We do not retain any personal data from OSM interactions. Data from Google Analytics is retained as per Google's policies; we do not have direct control over this retention.

**Contact Form Data**: Data sent via our contact form will be retained only as long as necessary for the purpose of communication, after which it will be securely deleted unless there's a legal obligation to retain it.

# 7. Your Rights

Under applicable laws, you have rights to access, correct, or delete your personal data held by us or by Google through Analytics if identifiable. You have the right to request data portability, object to processing, restrict processing, and not be subject to automated decision-making including profiling. To exercise these rights, please contact us using the details provided. Please note that if you submit data anonymously or with fake details, some rights under data protection laws might not be applicable since the data cannot be identified as pertaining to you.

# 8. Contact

For questions about our privacy practices, please contact us at <a href="https://howfarfrommydoorstep@proton.me">howfarfrommydoorstep@proton.me</a>.

# 9. Updates

This policy might be updated periodically to reflect changes in our practices or the law. We encourage you to check back regularly.

## 10. Consent

By using our site, you consent to our data practices as described here.

## 11. International Data Transfers

Data collected by Google Analytics might be transferred outside of the European Economic Area (EEA) to Google in the United States. Google provides safeguards for these transfers through mechanisms like the EU-US Data Privacy Framework or Standard Contractual Clauses to ensure compliance with data protection laws.