Materials list for Advanced, Basic Watercolor and landscape painting

The materials for basic watercolor are quite simple, easily available, and portable. The list I have prepared is including only the essentials, as you continue to work with watercolor you will find the list is easy to add to and modify for your individual style.

PIGMENTS
I recommend you buy colors in tubes, they are available at all art stores and I recommend buying small tubes, 5 mL of the following colors:

* optional color

Cadmium (yellow warm yellow)
*Lemon yellow (cool yellow)
Yellow Ochre (opaque light brown)
Burnt sienna (reddish brow)
Alizarin Crimson (cool red)
Cadmium red light (warm red)
Ultramarine blue (warm blue)
Cobalt blue (warm unique blue)
*Cerulean Blue (cool opaque blue)
*Thalo blue or Prussian blue (greenish blue)
Thalo green or veridian green (cold green)
*Ivory black or neutral tint
Chinese white or Jaune brilliant

A palette for watercolor plastic palettes are fine I prefer a metal palette like Holbien makes but they are substantially more expensive. A good palette will have small areas to squeeze out pure color and larger areas for mixing and diluting. Look for something like the ones pictured.

Brushes (watercolor)
Quill brush (squirrel) 6 or 8
Flat sabalette 1/2", and 1"
Round sabalette 4, 8

Watercolor brushes are specially designed to hold large amounts of liquid and still keep a fine point. Arguably Squirrel is the best natural hair, sabalette is made of nylon but very good at holding water and much cheaper. My recommendations above. Note the quill is a Princeton Neptune a hybrid squirrel/nylon sold at dick blick

Brush Caddy to the right helps keep your brushes in good health.

Paper
Arches 140lb. rough or cold pressed paper (professional grade) 22" x 30" cut or torn into 1/2 or 1/4 size sheets.

Corrugated plastic, Watercolor board, or gator board.
Or prepared Masonite.
Clips to hold the paper down.
1" Masking tape works well too.

Other:
Masking tape,
sketch book 9 x 12,
4B pencil,
kneaded eraser
Water jar plastic,
Paper towels
Soft sponge

For working outdoors
Portable watercolor easel
and or portable chair